STARS STRIPES.



Misawa's 35th **Fighter Wing** prepares for UCI

Boston basking in sports teams' greatness

Back page

50¢

Below: Spc. Michael Johnson talks to an Iraqi A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, natrol a Baghdad

neighborhood

elections. The

nhoto was taker

during the

through the cracked

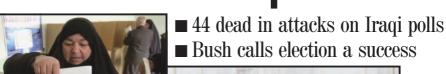
damaged that

mortar landed

nearby.

morning when a

Millions vote despite unrest



Above: Ar Iraqi womar casts one of the first hallots Ramadi. where security concerns and political infighting kept vote turnout lower than in other

parts of Iraq



After driving was prohibited, thousands of Iraqis walk to Al Alamara to vote. Election Day violence included some deadly suicide bombings and mortar strikes by insurgents.

- Some Sunnis stay away
- Turnout varies across nation

Pages 3-6



COMING SOON



Scene on Sunday

Echoes of past in Ho Chi Minh City



Angelina Jolie

Sunday

Celebrity news from Parade

Don't miss a single issue.

For home delivery, call DSN 225-4505 (Japan) 721-7140 (Korea) 645-2010 (Okinawa)

TODAY IN STRIRES

TODAY IN STRIPES	1
Abby, Annie's Mailbox2 American Roundup16-1	20
Classified21-2	23
Comics18-2	20
Crossword1	
Faces1	2
Horoscope1	
Letters1	
Opinion1	
Sports25-3	
TV listings1	
Weather2	
Your Money1	.1

ews Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Big Dig project: The Massachusetts water authority is investigating whether the Big Dig highway project violated its permit by pumping millions of gallons of water into the regional sewer system

The \$14.6 billion Big Dig project has a permit from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to pump out 36,000 gallons of water per month from tunnels under Boston. But MWRA records obtained by The Boston Globe show the project has been pumping out a monthly average of 2.2 mil-

The MWRA's investigation could result in fines for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the agency overseeing the project

DEA agent's slaying: U.S. authorities took custody Saturday of a man who was arrest ed 41/2 years ago in Mexico and accused of killing an undercover federal drug agent, the Drug Enforcement Administration said.

Augustin Vasquez-Mendoza is facing a murder charge in Maricopa County, Ariz., for the 1994 slaying of DEA agent Richard Fass

Vasquez Mendoza was arrested in central Mexico in July 2000, and the United States had been seeking his extradition ever since.

Cruise ship illnesses: About 230 people aboard a cruise ship fell ill with a gas-trointestinal illness while on a Caribbean

voyage, forcing the trip to end early. About 200 of the 1,220 passengers aboard the Holland America ship Veendam got sick on the voyage, which ended Friday evening

in Tampa, about 13 hours early. About 30 of the ship's 572 crewmembers also became sick

World

Bloodshed in Congo: Militiamen carrying guns and machetes killed 16 people last week and kidnapped at least 34 young girls in a series of attacks on a remote area of eastern Congo, the United Nations said.

Two platoons of U.N. peacekeepers arrived in the remote area by helicopter early Saturday to protect the population from further violence, U.N. spokesman Christophe Boulierarch said by telephone from Bunia, capital of Ituri province

Consulate attack: The U.S. consulate in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah has reopened, seven weeks after an attack on its remises by Islamic militants left nine people dead, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Em-

Bangladesh strike: Police detain a woman protester Sunday during the second day of a three-day general strike called by the main opposition Awami League in Dhaka, Bangsh. Schools and shops were shut down and transportation was disrupted after the killing of five members in a grenade attack at a rally Thursday. The government denied any involvement, condemned the blast and ordered an investigation. Investigators from Interpol were to arrive Monday. Officials

also asked the United States for assistance. hassy in Riyadh said Sunday.

Carol Kalin said the consulate reopened Saturday and was providing full services in the western region of Saudi Arabia.

Islamic militants attacked the consulate Dec. 6 and held civilians at gunpoint. Security forces stormed the compound three hours later and five foreign consulate employees and four attackers were killed.

Oil prices stay high: OPEC warned Sunday that oil prices, already hovering near \$50 a barrel, would remain high through the spring, even as the cartel decided to keep its production ceiling at 27 million barrels a

The decision, reached at a meeting of the 11-nation group in the Austrian capital of Vienna offers little solace for consumers worried about the price of heating oil.

Darfur crisis: Rehels in Sudan's western Darfur region called Sunday for the African Union to send more troops to Darfur and give the soldiers the mandate to stop government troops and allied militia from attacking civilians

The Sudanese government is sending more troops and military hardware to Dar-fur, continues arming and recruiting Arab militia, known as Janjaweed, and has built airstrips in remote parts of the region to prepare for new offensives against insurgents. said Adam Ali Shogar, a spokesman for the Sudan Liberation Movement, one Darfur's two main rebel groups

War on terrorism

Hunt for Taliban chief: Police have gleaned "useful" information from suspected members of Afghanistan's Talihan militia who were arrested in southwestern Pakistani and are being interrogated for clues about Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar, an official said Sunday.

Acting on a tip, police raided several homes in Quetta late Thursday and cap-tured as many as 23 Afghan nationals on suspicion of links with the Taliban and al-Oaida

Seventeen of the arrested men were allegedly members of the Taliban militia.

British Gitmo detainees: Britain made no promises to the United States to secure the release of four Britons from U.S. military detention at Guantanamo Bay, the govern-ment's chief legal officer said Sunday.

The comments by Lord Falconer, the lord chancellor, appeared to contradict those of another minister, who said Britain had agreed on a "security package" with the United States over the men's release.

Four British detainees returned to Britain on Tuesday. British police questioned them briefly and released them without charge.

Military

AF cadet to stand trial: An Air Force Academy senior cadet will stand trial for allegedly raping another cadet during a scuba diving trip

Lt. Gen. John Rosa, the academy superintendent, ordered the court-martial of senior Cadet Benjamin Kuster after reviewing evidence from November's Article 32 proceeding, the equivalent of a preliminary hearing. An academy spokesman announced the court-martial on Friday.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

STRIPES JOB SHOP

Your best source for printing · Full color magazines Training and technical manuals

- · Brochures, pamphlets and inserts
- Printing Annual Strategic Plans

Very Competitive Rates

Ouick Turn-around Jobs billed in U.S. dollars, ven, or won.

For more information call DSN 229-3261 or Comm 03-3404-9447





Iragis vote in first free election despite violence

44 killed in attacks at polls

BY MARIAM FAM The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqis defied violence and calls for a boycott to cast ballots in Irag's first free election in a half-century Sunday. Insurgents seeking to wreck the vote struck polling stations with a string of suicide bombings and mortar volleys, killing at least 44 people, including nine attackers.

Women in black abayas whispered prayers at the sound of a nearby explosion as they waited to vote at one Baghdad polling sta-

But the mood for many was upbeat: Civilians and policemen danced with joy at one of the five polling stations where photographers were allowed, and some streets were packed with voters walking shoulder-to-shoulder to vote. The elderly made their way, hobbling on canes or riding wheelchairs; one elderly woman was pushed along on a wooden cart. another man carried a disabled 80-vear-old on his back.

"This is democracy," said Kar-

fia Abbasi, holding up a thumb stained with purple ink to prove she had voted

Officials said turnout among the 14 million eligible voters apneared higher than the 57 nercent that had been predicted, although it would be some time before any turnout figure was confirmed. No preliminary results were expected before Monday at the earliest, and final results will not be known for seven to 10 days, the election commission said.

Polls were largely deserted all day in many cities of the Sunni Triangle north and west of the capital, particularly Fallujah, Ra-madi and Beiii. In Baghdad's mainly Sunni Arab area of Azamiyah, the neighborhood's four polling centers did not open at all, residents said.

A low Sunni turnout could undermine the new government that will emerge from the vote and worsen tensions among the country's ethnic, religious and cultural groups.

Casting his vote, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi called it



An Iraqi woman holds up her voting card to the light Sunday at a polling station in the centre of Az Zubayr in southern Iraq.



Above: An Iraqi man gets help from a U.S. Army medic Sunday after he was shot in the face by an insurgent near a polling station in Mosul, Iraq. He was rushed to a local hospital and is expected to survive. Right: A member of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq casts his ballot in eastern Ramadi, Iraq.

the first time the Iraqis will determine their destiny

With Arabs across the Middle East watching the vote, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak telephoned Allawi to congratulate him on the election, saying he hoped it would "open the way for the restoration of calm and stability.

Prominent Iraqi Sunni politician Adnan Pachachi — who in recent months had called for the vote to he nostnoned because of violence told CNN he was "relieved" and "encouraged" by a turnout he said was better than expected, even in Falluiah and Mosul

Shiite Muslims, estimated at 60 percent of Irag's 26 million people, were expected to vote in large numbers, encouraged by clerics who hope their community will gain power after generations of oppression by the Sunni minority.

Voting appeared heavy in Shiite and mixed Shiite-Sunni neighborhoods in Baghdad, but low in some heavily Sunni areas



Sunnis in mixed neighborhoods may have voted in greater numbers there because pressure to boycott was less intense - and chances of retaliation lower because they would not stand out at the polls. There are few ways by sight to distinguish Sunni and Shi-

The election will create a 275-member National Assembly and 18 provincial legislatures. The assembly will draw up the coun try's permanent constitution and will select a president and two deputy presidents, who in turn will name a new prime minister and Cabinet to serve for 11 months until new elections are held.

The election is a major test of President Bush's goal of promot-ing democracy in the Middle East. If successful, it also could hasten the day when the United States brings home its 150,000 troops. A Marine was killed in combat Sunday in Iraq's restive Anbar province

Guerrilla attacks began within two hours of the halloting's start Sunday morning. All but one of the day's suicide attacks came in Baghdad, mostly against polling sites, using bombers on foot with explosives strapped to their bodies since private cars were hanned from the streets

The group al-Oaida in Iraq claimed responsibility for election-day attacks in a Web statement, although the claim could not be verified. A few hours after polls closed at 5 p.m., thunderous explosions reverberated through central Baghdad, though their cause was unknown.

A ticket endorsed by the country's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Avatollah Ali al-Sistani is evnected to fare best among the 111 candidate lists. However, no faction is expected to win an outright majority, meaning possibly weeks of political deal-making before a new prime minister is chosen.

Bush: Iraq election a success mortar volleys killing at least 44 neofor the administration to withdraw

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Rush called Sunday's elections in Iraq a success and promised the United States would continue trying to prepare Iraqis to secure their own coun-

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush told reporters at the White House on Sunday, four hours after the polls closed.

Bush praised the bravery of Iraqis who turned out to vote despite continuing violence and intimidation Rush said they "firmly rejected the antidemocratic ideology" of terrorists

Insurgents struck polling stations with a string of suicide bombings and ple, including nine suicide bombers.

"Some Iraqis were killed while exercising their rights as citizens. Bush said. He also mourned the loss of American and British troops killed Sunday. "Their sacrifices were made in a vital cause of freedom."

Bush cautioned that the election will not end violence in Iraq, but said U.S. forces will continue training and helping Iraqis "so this rising democracy can eventually take responsibility for its own security.

In a statement Sunday, Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy said Bush 'must look beyond the election.'

"The best way to demonstrate to the Iraqi people that we have no long-term designs on their country is

some troops now and to begin to negotiate a phase-down of our long-term military presence," Kennedy added. Earlier Sunday, Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice said the elections are a first step to a brighter democrat-ic future for a country once held under the thumb of tyranny.

Iragis will now work to reduce ethnic or sectarian differences, and the United States will discuss the need for outside security forces with the newly elected Iraqi government,

"The insurgency is not going to go away as a result of today," she said, "but the Iraqi people have taken a very important step in losing the sense of fear and intimidation that has been in their lives for decades," under deposed leader Saddam Hussein.

At least 10 dead after British C-130 crashes

BAGHDAD - A British C-130 military transport plane crashed Sunday north of Baghdad, scattering wreckage over a large area, officials said. At least 10 troops were killed, Britain's Press Association news agency said.

The crash occurred at around 5:25 p.m. about 20 miles northwest of Baghdad, a spokesman for the British Ministry of Defense. Press Association quoted unidentified military sources saying the death toll was "around 10" and it was "highly unlikely" to be more than 15.

Prime Minister Tony Blair paid tribute to the casualties in a televised speech praising Iraq's election. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives today.

The plane was flying from Baghdad to the town of Balad, a U.S. military official said. Helicopters were at the scene and observing the wreckage, which was scattered over a large area, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. troops report less violence in Baghdad

Neighborhoods in capital city experience high voter turnout

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Strines

BAGHDAD - There was less violence and more voting

Tenth Mountain Division soldiers assigned to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment said that voter turnout was high in the three Baghdad neighborhoods of Kadhimiya, Shulla and Hurriya, and insurgent attacks were less than expected

"It's certainly not the level of violence we expected," said 1st Lt. Brian Wood, executive officer for Company C. "It's definitely worse than a normal day, but there are a lot more targets [for insurgents] out there

Rocket, mortar and gunfire echged throughout the area all day None of the battalion's soldiers was injured. But it wasn't quiet everywhere in Iraq's capital and largest city.

In an adjoining sector patrolled by the 91st Engineer Bat-



at a polling site, killing only him self. Radio reports received by 4-31st soldiers stated that after the attack, Iraqis placed the suicide bomber's head, which was still intact, on his severed foot and passing voters spit on the re-

Even after some polling stations were attacked, voters would often continue to arrive to cast their ballots.



First Lt. Daniel Hurd, left, and Sgt. 1st Class James Shinholt talk to election officials and Iraqi police officers Sunday at a polling site in Baghdad. The soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment visited a number of polling sites to check on security.

which had 125 polling sites in its sector, were out in force during the entire 10-hour voting period. and they spent more time dodg-

The government had imposed a driving ban for all but official vehicles: so most of the city's younging soccer balls than fighting iner men took advantage of the ban

to set up impromptu soccer fields on the streets, using rocks or sets of shoes as goal posts

SEE RACHDAD ON PAGE 5

After a slow start, rural residents get busy voting

By TERRY BOYD Stars and Strings

OMVER AHMAD AS SAMIR Irag -Master Sgt. Joseph Lieberman loves coming to the villages on the forlorn plains 30 miles east of Tikrit. The people, says Lieberman, a civil affairs solder attached to the 1st Infantry Division, are genuine and friendly, unlike the people in the urban areas here near Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

Even on election day.

Like Tikrit, people on the plains are Sunni, and the area is still part of the Sunni Triangle, the most dangerous region for coalition forces. But following the lead of their sheiks — cultivated by soldiers and officers from the Schweinfurt, ny-based Troop C, 1st Squadron, 4th Caval-ry Regiment of the 1st ID — rural Sunnis apparently voted in droves in Sunday's

Soldiers from 1-4 Cavalry drove across eastern Iraq from Forward Operating Base Wilson near Tikrit, picking up nearly 7,000 ballots in an area with 20,000 residents. "That's better than the U.S.," Maj. Keith Barclay, FOB Wilson executive officer, said of the voter turnout.

The drive was eerily serene, with no traffic either way on the 60-mile round trip drive because of a nationwide ban of driving Sunday to curb possible suicide car

As Barclay entered al-Badeyia School, polling place 27 in a village a few miles east of Tikrit, a sheik said 2,500 people have voted in the sparsely populated area.

When Barclay told the sheik that in Jillam, home to insurgent leader Ibrahim Al-Douri, one person voted, the gaggle of police, soldiers and villagers broke out in

'Well, maybe they didn't have as good a security as you," Barclay said, surrounded by dozens of assault-rifle wielding Iraqi soldiers and police.



Above: Maj. Keith Barclay, from left, Master Sgt. Joseph Lieberman and Sheik Hajjim walk from a polling station outside Tikrit, Iraq, after Barclay presented one of the sheik's security personnel with a medal for his contribution to the elections. Right: Sgt. Reyes Terrazas lifts a box of ballots, some of about 2,700 cast in a village east of Tikrit.

It was a rare moment of levity in what was otherwise deadly serious business. Al-Douri and other insurgents swore to make the streets run red with blood during the election

As for Al-Douri, "some people still think he's out here somewhere," said Master Sgt. Steven Ziebarth, non-commissioned officer in charge at FOB Wilson, gesturing toward the dry washes around Omyer Ahmad as Samir

Although FOB Wilson's area of responsibility was relatively quiet for the election, there were incidents

On Saturday, a sniper wounded an Iraqi soldier based at FOR Wilson

Another insurgent tried to put a pipe bomb in a building a few meters from a polling station in Omyer Ahmad as Samir. Iraqi police and soldiers opened up on him, firing hundreds of rounds, but failing to kill him, Ziebarth said. American ordnance disposal soldiers destroyed the bomb, he said.

Soldiers worked hard to cultivate local tribal sheiks to bolster security and to improvise their way through several mass mutinies by Iraqi poll workers.



The busy Iragi-vote monitoring center at FOB Wilson tracked the uneven turnout. In Ad-Dawr, next to FOB Wilson, three of four Sunni-neighborhood voting stations recorded zero votes as of noon Sunday. while nearby Shiite neighborhoods had modest turnouts. But by 9 a.m. - two hours after the vot-

ing started, it was clear the sheiks' areas were swamped with voters

"I'm really excited about that. I'm really excited," Barclay said as the numbers came in. "This is really a big deal."

As his soldiers picked up ballots, Barclay said he was confident that the votes are legitimate because the sheiks involved have always been reliable: "We've worked with them since Day One."

As the 14-soldier team prepared to leave FOB Wilson at about 2 p.m. to pick up ballot boxes, Barclay remindes the soldiers the job was almost finished There's been a lot of stress." he said.

"When we get the ballots back to FOB Wilson, then it will have been a successful elec-

E-mail Terry Boyd at: boydt@mail.estripes.osd.mil

IOSEPH GIORDONO/Stars an

Sgt. LaTasha Boyd, of the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, does a security check on the first female voter at one of the polling stations in Ramadi, Iraq. Security concerns in the city were expected to keep voter turnout low.

Ramadi voters stay home

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Stripes

RAMADI, Iraq — Security concerns, roadside bombs and a series of brief gunbattles kept most Ramadi citizens from participating in Sunday's historic Iraqi elec-

One U.S. soldier was killed and at least two others injured by a roadside bomb around 3 a.m. Sunday, according to military officials. In another attack at noon, a Humvee patrolling less than 200 meters from a polling station was hit by another bomb, sending a

huge plume of smoke into the sky.
The Humvee crew all escaped
with minor wounds, but the explosion touched off long bursts of machine-gun fire from Iraqi and
American troops manning security positions at the nearby polling
site, a large grammar school comnound.

According to soldiers who were observing from a nearby rooftop position, the second roadside bomb was planted by a teenage boy who ran into the street and dropped a large plastic bag just moments before a U.S. patrol drove through.

For long minutes after the explosion, ammunition from the Humvee continued to cook off

and fire into the air.

Before the explosion, 75 people
— including Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq poll workers and special police comman-

dos protecting the site — had voted at the school in eastern Ramadi, U.S. military officials said. At midmorning, the nearby streets had been full of curious residents watching voters walk to the polling station. After the explosion and gunfire, the streets were deserted and no other vot.

Ramadi's 400,000 residents were subject of a harassment campaign by insurgents, who promised death to anyone who voted Sunday.

ers came

At another polling site in the Sofiya district of Ramadi, the polls were more active. More than 100 people had voted by early afternoon, officials said. There were eight polling stations in the city of Ramadi, U.S. and Traqi officials said, and they estimated that about 1,000 people cast ballots during the day.

"I'll never forget this day," said Pfc. Branden Bell, a 19-year-old infantryman from Napa, Calif., who had been manning the polling entrance closest to the second Humvee explosion.

Bell and another soldier with Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment felt small pieces of shrapnel land on their position after the explosion.

The first Iraqis to vote in Ramadi were the security forces and election workers, who began casting their ballots just after the polls opened at 7 a.m. The first two civilian voters came in at 8 a.m., and they were followed shortly after by a group that included two women.

In a tent near the polling station entrance, three female soldiers from the 2nd Forward Support Battalion — which deployed from South Korea along with 4,200 other U.S. troops last fall helped perform security checks on the female voters who arrived.

Traqis who voted said through interpreters they were proud have participated in a day they thought would never happen. The first two women who voted — arriving in long black robes and headdresses — repeatedly said thanks to Allah and shook nearly every hand in sight.

When one of the women placed her ballot in the large plastic collection bin, she turned her eyes and palms skyward, uttering a short prayer.

Soldiers and Marines in Iraq certainly knew they were part of something historic, despite the low turnout in Ramadi.

"I had grandfathers who fought in Korea and World War II, and I don't think they really knew they were doing something special at the time," said Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher Green, a dog handler attached to the 1-503rd for elec-

tion day.

"But I think guys know this is big. This is something important."

E-mail Joseph Giordono at: giordonoj@pstripes.osd.mil

Baghdad: A historic election

BAGHDAD, FROM PAGE 4

Interrupting game after game, soldiers from the battalion's three companies and others from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment visited polling sites throughout the day to check on security.

They didn't spend much time at any, said 1st Lt. Daniel Hurd, Company A, 2-14th's executive officer. Site security was entirely handled by Iraqi soldiers and police.

At one point a patrol from Com-

Yokota Christian Academy M-F

Sunday Early Service

Tuesday

Wednesday

Sunday School

Morning Service

Evening Service Monday

Faith Bible Institute

Soul Winning & Visitation

Patch & Pee Wee Clubs

Evening Service & Prayer Mtg 1900

pany A passed a nandrul of armored personnel carriers from an Iraqi mechanized unit on one of the main north-south streets through the Kadhimiya district. Pedestrians waved and cheered as the Iraqi troops passed.

"I've seen more [Iraqi National Guard] in the past three days than I have in the entire time in country," Wood said.

Not only was Iraqi security seen in large numbers throughout the district, but so were voters.

🖺 Yokota Baptist Church

Pastor Warren Webster

日本語訳もあります YBC services are interpreted in Japanese

Friday

Awana Club

Ladies Meeting

Mens Praver Breakfast

CH CH

What is missing?

0425-52-7254

www.yokotabaptistchurch.org

1st Sat

1st Sat

Term Gate

Monthly

REACHING THE MILITARY AND JAPAN, ONE PERSON AT A TIME

0830

1000

1100

1800

1830

1830

At Fussa Gate: Left on 16 to light. Turn right. Take next left. Church on left.

"Based on the reports received during the day ... I'd say there was a 75 percent turnout," said battalion commander Lt. Col. John Spiszer, as he stopped at a forward patrol base shortly before the end of the elections.

By 11 a.m. reports had reached the battalion command post at Camp Justice that some polling sites were running out of ballots.

Throughout the small section of Baghdad, people walked around with blackened right index fingers, the identifying mark of those who have voted.

Soldiers took pictures and videos of Iraqis dancing and singing outside of the polling sites after they cast their votes

Soldiers seemed less enthusiastic about the elections than the Iraqis in Baghdad, possibly exacerbated from an increased pace of operations leading up to Sunday's vote.

"I think there's mixed feelings," said staff Sgt. Scott Price of Company A, 2-14th, about election day finally arriving. "The longer they've been here the less they care. They do care because it's their job right now."

And with a higher voter turnout than hoped, and a smaller amount of insurgent attacks than expected, the soldiers' worst fears weren't realized here.

"It's 100 percent better than everything we expected," said Company C's Spc. Steven Ealy. "It's much ado about nothing."

Staff Sgt. Shawn Bush added,
"It's like Y2K was."

E-mail Jason Chudy at:
chudy@mail.estripes.osd.mil

chudyj@mail.estripes.osd.mil



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Dustin White, medic with 1st Platoon, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, stands next to his Humvee on Election Day on Sunday. Posters for the many Iraqi political parties running in the election are pasted on the nearby bridge support.

Region rejoices in Iraq voting

第3種郵便物認可

BY JAMIE TARABAY The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt - People across the Middle East said Iraq's election Sunday sent a strong message to insurgents that they cannot win. though many expressed concern the chaos would not allow for a truly representative result.

The United States hoped the polls would set an example for people across the region, bringing democracy to a region filled with little experience of free and fair elections.

The Abu Dhabi-based daily

Al-Ittihad was jubilant, declaring "The new Iraq is born today" on its front page.

Other newspapers were more guarded, concerned about the ongoing chaos and violence in the country

mism," Qatar daily Al-Sharq said. "For we know that the elections in Iraq aim for democracy, but it is not held in such an atmosphere.

Iragis casting absentee hallots in nearby countries said the vote showed the Iraqi people would not let the insurgents dominate the country.

"This is a clear and loud message that Iraqis inside and outside are united in defeating terrorism," said Mansour Ibrahim as he entered a polling station in the up scale Suwfiva neighborhood in Amman, Jordan.

The Arab News newspaper in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia called the vote "a very historic moment in the country's long his tory" and said it was "a much needed victory for moderation." The Syrian government was

also keenly watching develop ments in its neighbor. One Syrian analyst warned that the security situation could worsen if some ethnicities were underrepresent-ed in the 275-member National Assembly.

"These elections ... do not represent all Iraqi sects, which means the security situation will not settle down soon, and could cause instability in the rest of the region. said analyst Imad Shouebi.



An Iragi casts his vote Sunday at a polling station in Mosul, Iraq.

Taste of freedom in 'triangle of death'

By Ellen Knickmeyer The Associated Pres.

ASKAN, Iraq - In the "triangle of death," where voting is a life-threatening experience, Karfia Abbasi held up her ink-stained finger, elated that for the first time she has been able to cast a ballot for someone besides Sadd-

am Hussein. "This is democracy." Abbasi said. "This is the first day I feel

freedom

For U.S. Marines helping guard Sunday's vote, the streams of men and women walking into the gritty polling places of this area of Baghdad was a payoff more impressive than the top-pling of Saddam's statue in the capital during the fall of his regime in April 2003 — less spectacular, but tougher to bring off.

"That was a work of triumphs — those are always easy. This is the hard work of democracy now," Lt. Col. Bob Durkin of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines said Sunday morning, from a rooftop where Marine marksmen stood watch over voting sites.

"Even my Marines are saying, 'Boy, we're doing a good thing, Lt. Col. Vinny Coglianese said in the largely Shiite town of Seddah, where scores of voters lined up

The election for a National Assembly was Irag's first free vote in more than 50 years, and voters showed up in defiance of insurgent threats to kill anyone who cast a ballot — a warning that rang especially dire in the collection of towns and villages south of

In the past year, the region has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent and deadly ambushes on the roads crossing through it from the capital to the south. Shiites have been particularly at risk in the region, falling victim to shootings and check-

points set up by Sunni guerrillas. Dozens of Iraqis were killed in attacks on the elections Sunday mostly in Baghdad. Just to the southeast, a suicide bomber climbed on a bus full of voters and blew himself up, killing at least four people.

But the triangle of death had no deaths reported in attacks Sunday.



An Iraqi girl is searched by U.S. Marines on Sunday outside a polling center in the center of Falluiah, Iraq.

Not that there wasn't violence. The night before the vote, green and red tracer fire and white muzzle blasts lit up parts of the sky in heavy shooting. And in the morning, mortar blasts woke the heavily Shiite town of Musayyib to election day.

In the long stretch before dawn, U.S. troops moved the last concrete bomb barriers and razor-wire streamers into place around polling sites and police stations. They scoured for explosives, sealed off roads and bridges, and ferried last-minute needs to election workers.

Davlight brought crowded streets, women's black shrouds billowing side to side as parents walked with their children to

schoolhouse polling stations.
"We voted before but it was not democracy. You had to choose Saddam," said Abbasi, whose finger - like those of all voters was stained with blue indelible ink to prevent multiple votes

The triangle of death is a religiously mixed area. It was once heavily Shiite, until Saddam years ago encouraged Sunnis loyalists to move there from the north and west

While many towns here have large shares of Sunni Muslims, all the dozen or so voters questioned in the streets and polling places identified themselves as Shiite. Cpl. Florian Gonzales of Nor-

walk. Conn., looked on from the sandbagged police station roof. The 22-year-old had a friend die and at least two others wounded in

firefights and bombings on what is his second deployment here. Gonzales' first deployment, in

the opening of the U.S. invasion, saw 18 Marines of his battalion killed at Nasiriyah. "Hopefully, what happens

today reflects what we've been trying to do for the last seven months," Gonzales said. "I don't want anyone else to have to come back here and go through what we've been through."

U.S. deaths in Iraa

As of Saturday, at least 1,428 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,087 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department

The AP count includes four military civilians and is 17 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one eath each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,290 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 978 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military and the State Department:

■ A Defense Department civilian and a Navy sailor were killed Saturday when a rocket hit the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad.

A U.S. soldier was killed Saturday by an explosive in western Baghdad.

■ Two U.S. soldiers died Friwhen their helicopter day when their hencepta-crashed in southwestern Bagh-

dad. The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

■ No identifications report-

Annan: Iraq election 'a beginning, not an end

ABUJA, Nigeria — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the world must encourage voters in Iraq's elections, calling Sunday's

"They know they're voting for the future of their coun-

ward democratry. They're voting for the

day when they're going to take their destiny in hand," Annan told reporters at an African Union summit in the Nigerian capital. Abuja. "We must encourage them.

"It's the first step in a democratic process," Annan said of Sun-day's vote. "It's a beginning, not an end," he added.

Annan appealed for an end to election-day violence in Iraq, where insurgent attacks killed at least 44 people on Sunday.

"I ask those who were inclined to challenge the elections not to use violence," he said. "The Iraais who choose to vote must have the right to exercise their democratic rights."

The elections are seen as a crucial step toward Iraqi democracy after the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.



at MISAWA BX Lobby until Feb 6

turkishgoldcarpet.com

35th Fighter Wing prepares for UCI

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -It's a checklist that would do a NASA shuttle launch team proud, going 15,000 items deep

And that's just for the maintenance group

The 35th Fighter Wing here is preparing for the paperwork-in-tensive Unit Compliance Inspec-

From Feb. 28 to March 4, about 115 inspectors from the Pacific Air Forces Inspector General's office will visit job sites to interview commanders, airmen and civilians about policies, procedures and requirements.

They'll observe DOD employees at work in 15 squadrons and the wing's staff agencies, examining the quality of unit training programs, fire safety and other prac-

The wing must demonstrate compliance with laws, Defense Department directives, Air Force Instruction and other requirements that govern day-to-day operations

The inspectors "look at how we're in compliance with those and how our processes support those," said Maj. Mike Frey, 35th Fighter Wing inspector general. "This is our wing's report card for the next four years

PACAF wings undergo a UCI about every 40 to 45 months. Frey said. It provides PACAF and the Air Force "with a credible, independent assessment of readiness and wing efficiency," said Master Set. Daniel Snelgrow, the wing's superintendent of maintenance group inspections, in a written

statement. "The UCI, along with a host of other inspections, provides a check-and-balance pro-

cess within the Air Force. Other UCI items to be scrutinized include Air Force and PACAF programs, such as fitness, voting assistance and sexual harassment education and prevention. The 35th Fighter Wing inspector general's office maintains a computer database of each squadron's checklist so units can update their progress online, reducing paperwork and enabling commanders to keep tabs on the process easily. Frey noted

"It's a lot of work over the last year, especially with all the things on our plate," Frey said, to include exercises, deployments and tsunami relief efforts

Preparation for the UCI began a year ago, and units are stepping up. The post office recently started closing on Thursdays to prepare for the inspection; the ci-vilian personnel flight doesn't take customer calls Thursday for the same reason. Every Friday, the 35th Fighter Wing's plans, programs and inspections office updates in the base newspaper how days are left until UCI along with a preparation tip or reference to an important policy or instruction.

Units now are performing self-inspections, Frey said, adding, "We're taking extra time as it gets closer

The wing's inspector general's office plans to practice a recep-tion of the PACAF IG team next week and "take a cursory look" at how base units are coming along with UCI preparation.



The cherry trees lining the street where the Nago Cherry Blossom Festival is held are just beginning to bloom. Despite overcast skies threatening rain, the hillside in Nago where 20,000 cherry trees are planted.

Nago Cherry Blossom Festival kicks off

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Stripes

NAGO, Okinawa - Mother Na ture once again had the last laugh: Not even half of the 20,000 cherry trees here bloomed in time for the largest festival on the island celebrating their annu-

al blossoming. Clusters of pink still could be een, though, throughout Nago Central Park's hillside during the 43rd Nago Cherry Blossom Festival this weekend. But the show of natural beauty was sporadic: Most of the 20,000 trees were just starting to grow buds, yet alone enter full bloom. The trees run from the city center up a hill to the ruins of Nago Castle.

The annual festival in Nago type ically draws more than 250,000 visitors. A similar festival was held a week earlier at Mount Yaedake in nearby Motobu, where 7,000 trees line both sides of the road leading to the moun-

The festival in Nago included bands, Okinawa dancers, taiko drummers and game and food



Visitors walking up the more than 450 stairs at the Nago Cherry Blossom Festival are greeted by sparse blossoms as most of the cherry trees have yet to show off their bright pink flowers.

The Nago and Mount Yaedake festivals kick off the month-long cherry blossom season. The sakura cherry trees are heartier than the trees on mainland Japan

The Okinawa trees' display lasts about a month; the mainland cherry blossoms last roughly one week. Okinawa's blossoms also are a darker pink and smaller than their whitish-pink mainland counterparts.

The blossoms in both Okinawa locations should paint the scen-ery pink at least through mid-February.

■ To get to Mount Yaedake: Take Highway 58 north; or the Okinawa Toll Road to the last (Nago) exit, then get onto High-58. Drive through Nago; turn left onto Highway 84 and follow the signs to Mount Yaedake.

■ To get to Nago Central Park Take the same route to reach Nago, but turn right at the sign to the city's business district Vou'll drive for several minutes before eventually seeing the bright flowers on the hillside

E-mail Fred Zimmerman at: zimmermanf@pstripes.osd.mil

SUBSCRIBER APPRECIATION COUPON **PREPAY** Just hand this form to your carrier before SAVE UP TO Feb. 10, 2005 to enjoy immediate savings. Delivery Address Billing Address Phone(H) PAYMENT OPTIONS (Check one) 3 Month Option/\$45.75 (Save \$3.00) Per Year 6 Month Option/\$85.50 (Save \$12.00) 12 Month Option/\$156.00 (Save \$39.00) Your carrier is an independent business person. Please reward good service. Off-base delivery charges may apply Tip \$ _ DoD and SOFA home delivery only Total \$ ___ Your Hometown Newspaper

Stars Stripes. circulation@pstripes.osd.mil

Signature _

Relocating?

Check Saturday's Relocation Guide for a areat Realtor at your new destination.



IN THE WORLD

5 weeks after tsunami, death toll still rising

BY IRWAN FIRDAUS The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia - More bodies were still being discovered in Aceh five weeks after the disaster and the govern ment said it had buried nearly 5,000 more victims in the past week, upping the death toll across 11 countries to between 150,704 and 178,115. Additionally, the number of missing ranges from 26,404 to 142,132 with most presumed dead

The variation in the tolls reflects differing figures being released by separate gov-ernment agencies in both Sri Lanka and Indonesia, the hardest-hit countries in the Dec 26 disaster

Meanwhile, fresh fighting in Indonesia's Aceh province and a premature end to cease-fire talks between the government and rebels dampened hopes of peace in the tsunami-hit region, but aid workers said Sunday they weren't being targeted and were optimistic the massive relief effort would not be disrupted.

The clash in Aceh occurred Saturday when soldiers shot and killed a guerrilla commander and three of his fighters in a gunbattle in the east of the province. Indonesian military spokesman Lt. Col. Eddyana Sulistiadie said. Independent confirmation was not immediately available.

But the United Nations said it didn't expect the fighting to affect relief work. "We don't expect to be a target," said

Joel Boutroue, head of the United Nations' relief efforts in Aceh



An Acehnese woman washes dishes outside her tent in a refugee camp in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, on Sunday. Aceh's government said it buried nearly 5,000 more victims in the past week, upping the death toll across 11 countries to between 150,704 and 178,115.

Meanwhile, in other developments:

■ French construction giant Lafarge SA. the world's largest cement supplier, said it plans to invest "tens of millions of dollars" to rebuild a big cement factory in Aceh that was damaged by the tsunami. "There is a lot of money coming in for the reconstruction, and naturally cement will be needed for that," Tom Ehrart, the head of Lafarge Indonesia, said.

Austria announced it would send a

team of experts to Sri Lanka to help rebuild its rail system, which was badly damaged by the waves. Among the dead in Sri Lanka were about 800 people who were killed when the tsunami tore through their train as it traveled along the coastline

■ Thailand is to establish a tsunami museum to chronicle the plight of survivors and changes to the environment in areas devastated by the waves. Photographs, video footage, satellite images and interviews with survivors have already been collected, the Thai News Agency said

■ A meeting in Thailand of delegates from 47 nations approved a plan Saturday to set up a tsunami warning network for southern Asia. Delegates had originally planned for a centralized system, but failed to agree on where to base a hub that would collect seismic and oceanographic data, analyze it and issue alerts to coastal areas in danger. Experts say even a few minutes' warning could have saved many of the lives lost

The Aceh peace talks were held near Helsinki, Finland, on Friday and Saturday. They ended a day early without a formal truce being reached, said former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, who convened the meeting.

There was no word on why they ended rematurely. Indonesian Communications Minister Sofyan Djalil described the talks as "quite hopeful." Ahtisaari said neither party had yet accepted an invitation to a second round of meetings.

Both the insurgents, who have been fighting for an independent homeland in Aceh since 1976 and government forces declared an informal cease-fire after the tsunami. But the promises appear to have been ignored. The military says it has killed more than 200 alleged rebels since the disaster, raising concerns about the se-

curity of the relief operations in Aceh. Aid groups said the early cutoff of the peace negotiations would not hamper their

Suspected terror bomb hits Spanish hotel

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - A bomb exploded Sunday in a Mediterranean resort hotel in southeast Spain after a telephone warning from the Basque separatist group ETA, the Interior Ministry said. One person was injured in the at-

The bomb was in a backpack and detonated in a courtvard of the Hotel Port Denia at about 3:15 p.m. Denia is a beach town in the Spanish province of Alicante and is popular with tourists.

The warning call was placed to

caller ended the warning by saying, "Gora ETA," which is Basque for "Long live ETA," an Interior Ministry official in Madrid said on the condition of anonymity.

The hotel immediately evacuated about 160 people before the bomb exploded about 30 minutes later. A male guest suffered slight ear injuries from the blast, the of-

Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso condemned the attack and vowed that Spain's security forces "will continue to use all the means at their disposal, with cur-

rent law as the only limit, until ETA disappears completely," the ministry said in a statement.

ETA is blamed for more than 800 deaths since the late 1960s in a campaign of bombings and shootings aimed at achieving an independent Basque homeland in land straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

The hotel bombing occurred two days before Spain's Parliament was scheduled to debate and almost certainly reject - a proposal making the Basque region virtually independent.

On Jan. 18, a powerful car bomb exploded in the affluent

Basque city, Bilbao. That blast also was preceded by a call from a person claiming to speak for

That explosion caused slight injuries to a policeman and dashed hopes that ETA might be close to calling a cease-fire. Two days earlier. ETA issued a statement appealing to the Spanish government to start peace talks with Batasuna, ETA's banned political

The statement made no mention of ETA laying down its weapons the government's stated condition for undertaking such talks.

5 killed by old mine

ARGHANDAB, Afghanistan Five civilians died and at least nine others were injured Sunday when their pickup truck hit a mine apparently left over from Afghanistan's long wars, officials and witnesses said

The vehicle detonated the land mine after driving off the side of the road in a remote area near Arghandab in south-ern Kandahar province.

Local police chief Zamarai Khan said the five men were killed and 10 other people, about half of them children, were taken to hospital in Kan-

dahar city for treatment. However, a man called Alizai who witnessed the explosion said one child was among the five killed and that another nine people were hurt.

Three die in shootout

KUWAIT CITY - Three suspected terrorists and a security officer were killed Sunday in a shootout in a neighborhood in Kuwait's capital where many foreigners live, state television reported Sunday.

Four police officers were injured in the clash and one suspect was arrested in the operation, according to state-owned Kuwaiti Television. A Bahraini man who lived in the building where the attack took place was also killed, according to the report, but he "was not connected to the incident."

The report said the clash had ended but that police were still combing the residential neighborhood for suspects.

Israel to shift control of four towns to Palestinians

BY PETER ENAV The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel - Israel will transfer security control over several West Bank towns to the Palestinians in coming days, Israel's defense minister said Sunday, hours after meeting with a top Palestinian negotiator to work out the details of Israel's troop redeploy-

A senior Palestinian security of ficial said control of the first four Ramallah, Tulkarem. Oalgiliva and Jericho - would be handed over Wednesday, the latest sign of rapid change on the ground after more than four years of fighting.

Israel informed Palestinian offi-

cials it was ready to withdraw from all West Bank towns "within a very short period of time" and return to positions it held before the outbreak of fighting in Sep-tember 2000, said Hassan Abu Libdeh, a senior Palestinian offi

Meanwhile in Jerusalem more than 100,000 demonstrators gathered Sunday to protest Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all 21 Jewish settlements from Gaza and four from the West Bank, demanding it be put to a national referendum.

Israel TV estimated that an hour after the demonstration began, 130,000 people were gathered across from the parliament and government buildings.

flects a growing recognition by Jewish settlers and their allies that barring a last minute delay, Sharon has the political muscle to push the Gaza plan through. In all 8.500 settlers stand to be displaced in the operation, set for the summer

Such a pullback is part of the long-stalled, U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, which both sides now say they are ready to implement.

Abu Libdeh said the pullback would include removing some of the roadblocks now ringing Palestinian towns and severely disrupting daily life in the West Bank.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat, meanwhile, said date for a summit between Pales tinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Sharon, a crucial step toward ending hostilities and resuming neace talks

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will arrive in the region two days earlier for talks with both Abu Libdeh said the summit

would be prepared in detail, and a decisive meeting of Abbas and Sharon aides would be held later this week.

Palestinian officials said they expect a wide-ranging agenda that will include the declaration of a formal truce, a large-scale release of Palestinian prisoners and the resumption of peace negotia-

Economic forum ends with goals for globe

BY PAUL HAVEN

The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — More than 2,000 of the world's rich and powerful left this luxurious Swiss ski resort Sunday with a few more ideas on how to improve the world

Whether any of the lofty goals set forward at the World Economic Forum for stamping out poverty, fighting disease and bringing peace to the Middle East and elsewhere will take root in the global trouble spots far from this idyllic Alpine village won't be known for some time.

But there was hope among many social activists here, including U2 frontman Bono, that the world leaders were doing more than just blowing smoke.

"I think we can be the generation that ends extreme poverty, I really do, and I think I will spend the rest of my life pledged to that commitment," Bono said, heaping praise on British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and others he said were committed to "getting it right" in fighting poverty, par-

ticularly in Africa.

The Davos summit has been taking

lionaires and millionaires to mingle. Businessmen pay \$12,000 each for the privilege of rubbing shoulders with each other political heavyweights like German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, former U.S. president Bill Clinton and others.

But the gathering has become more socially conscious in recent years, in part in response to anti-globalization protesters who have denounced it as elitist and disconnected.

Blair and French President Jacques Chirac challenged world leaders to finally address grinding poverty in Africa, where 300 million people lack safe drinking water, 3,000 African children under the age of 5 die every day from malaria, and 6,000 die daily of AIDS.

American leaders, normally a strong presence at the summit, were notably absent this year amid a rise in anti-U.S. sentiment. The highest-ranking Bush administration official to attend was Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. The absence of a Republican heavy-litter at the meeting, which comes only a week after President Bush's inauguration, Invistrated some participants trying to get new insight into U.S. policy over the next four vears.



S. Korea urges U.S. to engage the North

Nixon's China accord could provide a model

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — A top South Korean official on Sunday urged the United States to engage diplomatically with North Korea to resolve a dispute over the North's nuclear weapons program, comparing such a policy to President Nixon's decision to recognize China in the 1970s.

"The time for diplomacy is now," Chung Dong-young, South Korean minister for Korean unification, told business and government leaders attending the World Economic Forum.

Chung spoke on the final day of the five-day meeting of 2,500 top business executives, politicians and social leaders in this Alpine resort town.

He called on the United States to engage in a diplomatic dialogue, saying a policy of containment against the North will fail.

He noted that that the late President Nixon's 1972 trip to China helped to open Beijing to rest of the world, leading to "considerable improvement" in human rights in the country.

At the same time, Chung said, North Korea must decide it is time to act.

"Pyongyang must not miss this chance," Chung said. "Now it must join the international community as a responsible member" by relinquishing its weapons pro-

The United States has struggled to re-start negotiations with North Korea in six-party talks along with South Korea, China, Japan and Russia, after the three prior rounds made no breakthroughs. The last round was held in June.

Chung said he hoped to invite the North's secretive leader Kim Jong II to attend this year's meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation organization, if his country makes substantial progress on its weapons program.

Audit: Nearly \$9B unaccounted for in Iraq

BY LARRY MARGASAK The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. occupation authority in Iraq was unable to keep track of nearly \$9 billion it transferred to govern ment ministries, which lacked financial controls, security, communications and adequate staff, an inspector general has

The U.S. officials relied on Iraqi audit agencies to account for the funds, but those offices were not even functioning when the funds were transferred between October 2003 and June 2004, according to an audit by a special U.S. inspector general.

The findings were released Sunday by Stuart Bowen Jr., special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction. Bowen issued several reports on the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the U.S. occupation government that ruled Iraq from June 2003 to June 2004.

The official who led the CPA, L. Paul Bremer III, submitted a blistering, written reply to the findings, saying the report had "many misconceptions and inaccuracies" and lacked professional judgment.

Bremer complained the report "assumes that western-style budgeting and account44 We believe the CPA management

of Iraa's national budget process and oversight of Iraai funds was burdened by severe inefficiencies and poor management. ??

Special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction

ing procedures could be immediately and fully implemented in the midst of a war.' The inspector general said the occupy

ing agency disbursed \$8.8 billion to Iraqi ministries "without assurance the monies were properly accounted for."
U.S. officials, the report said, "did not es-

tablish or implement sufficient manageria al. financial and contractural controls." ere was no way to verify that the money was used for its intended purposes of financing humanitarian needs, economic reconstruction, renair of facilities, disarmament and civil administration.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Sunday the authority was hamstrung by "extraordinary conditions" under which it worked throughout its mission.

"We simply disagree with the audit's con-

clusion that the CPA provided less than ad-equate controls," Whitman said. Turning over the money "was in keeping

with the CPA's responsibility to transfer these funds and administrative responsibilities to the Iraqi ministries as an essential part of restoring Iraqi governance.

The inspector general cited an Interna-tional Monetary Fund assessment in October 2003 on the poor state of Iraqi government offices. The assessment found ministries suffered from staff shortages, poor security, disruptions in communications, damage and looting of government buildings, and lack of financial policies.

Some of the transferred funds may have paid "ghost" employees, the inspector general found

CPA staff learned that 8,206 guards

were on the payroll at one ministry, but only 602 could be accounted for, the report said. At another ministry, U.S. officials found 1,417 guards on the payroll but could

When staff members of the U.S. occupation government recommended that payrolls be verified before salary payments, CPA financial officials "stated the CPA

would rather overpay salaries than risk not paving employees and inciting violence. the inspector general said. Bremer attacked many of the specific findings. Among his rebuttal points:

■ The report was suggesting the CPA 'should have placed hundreds of CPA auditors" in Iraqi ministries, contrary to United States and United Nations policy of giving Iraqi ministers responsibility for their

■ The CPA established a program review board, an independent judiciary and inspector generals in each agency to fight corruption.

The inspector general's report rejected Bremer's criticism. It concluded that de-spite the war, "We believe the CPA man-agement of Iraq's national budget process and oversight of Iraqi funds was burdened by severe inefficiencies and poor manage-

Woman dies in prison

LAS VEGAS - The only woman on Nevada's death row, imprisoned for running down a holiday crowd on a sidewalk nearly 25 years ago, died Saturday at age 75, au thorities said

Priscilla Ford, who had appealed her death sentence sev eral times, was suffering from emphysema, said Fritz Schlottman, spokesman for the Neva da Department of Corrections.

Ford was convicted of killing six people and injured 23 others when she drove down a crowded Reno sidewalk on Thanksgiving Day in 1980.

Selling KKK gear

HOWELL, Mich. Klux Klan robes sold for up to \$1,425 and a KKK knife drew a \$400 bid Saturday during an auction of paraphernalia from the racist group that critics have blasted as insensitive.

Auctioneer Gary Gray said a steady stream of people visited the auction house in Howell in the hours leading up to the sale, where participants could bid on 12 KKK robes and capes, as well as buttons, books, swords, patches and movies.

Four killed in crash

GENESEO N V . ter bus collided with a tractor-trailer in western New York on Saturday, splitting the bus in half and killing four peo-

The bus was carrying members of a Canadian women's youth hockey team when it rear-ended the truck parked on the shoulder of Interstate 390, about 27 miles south of Rochester.

The truck driver and three passengers were killed, said Mark O'Donnell, a spokesman for New York State Police.

Storm puts lights out for 300,000 in Georgia

Latest winter debacle again leaves hundreds stranded in airports

BY ELIOTT C. MCLAUGHLIN The Associated Press

ATLANTA - More than 300,000 customers had no electricity Sunday in Georgia as crews worked to renair power lines snapped by an ice storm, and hundreds of people stranded by can-celed airline flights spent the night sleeping at the city's air-

Two traffic deaths in Georgia nd one in South Carolina were blamed on the storm that spread sleet and freezing rain across parts of the Southeast on Satur-

The weather was taking a sharp turn on Sunday, with highs in the 40s forecast for northern Georgia and in the 60s in the southern part of the state, the National Weather Service said.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport got ready to open a third runway Sunday, spokeswoman Lanii Thomas said. Only two — and at one point only one — of its four runways were available Saturday as crews labored to scrape off ice

Still, fewer than 100 departures were scheduled out of one of the world's busiest airports Sunday morning, she said. About 300 trav elers spent the night at the airport Saturday night.

"I'm sure the airlines are going to do everything within their power to rebuild their schedules," Thomas said.



A firefighter walks past the destruction left after a motor home collided with an 18-wheeler on Interstate 77 Saturday in Fort Mill, S.C. The Timbers family of Ontario, Canada, was on their way to Walt Disney World when they hit a patch of ice and lost control.

Teen abortions bill high on GOP's priority list

BY DAVID CRARY The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The abortion bill most likely to become federal law this year would affect a relatively small number of pregnant teens, yet its impact on them could be dramatic - sharply reducing the options for girls in many states who dread telling their parents of their plight.

Supporters and opponents each offer vivid worst-case scenarios in debating the bill, which was included last week in the Senate Republicans' priority list.

It would outlaw transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion in order to evade parental consent or notification laws in the girl's home state.

The bill's advocates evoke the

image of a girl being impregnated by an abusive older man who drives them to out-of-state abortion clinic so the girl's parents and the authorities find out about a relationship that might have been illegal because of age differences

Opponents of the bill say it would criminalize the well-meaning acts of an aunt, older sister or other confidante who assists a girl terrified of being beaten or evicted from home if her parents learned of the pregnancy

'You're talking about girls who really need support - let them use whatever support they have, said Shawn Towey of the National Network of Abortion Funds. "This bill is going to have a chilling effect on people who are just there to help.

Titled the Child Custody Protection Act, and carrying a sentence of up to one year in prison, the bill has bounced around Congress for years, winning House approval three times but never reaching a vote on the Senate floor. Only now - after making the Senate GOP's Top 10 priority list — do

supporters and foes believe its

passage is probable.

health is jeopardized.

"We're proceeding as if it's going to pass," said Lorraine Kenny of the American Civil Lib erties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project. ACLU lawyers already are studying possible challenges on grounds that the bill violates the right to travel from state to state and does not make an exception for cases when a girl's

Activists on both sides expect support for the bill from majority Republicans, perhaps joined by some Democrats. Some doubt Democratic leaders will wage an all-out fight against it.

"Politically, it would be very high risk for the Senate Demo-crats to filibuster this bill," said Douglas Johnson, legislative di-rector of the National Right to Life Committee

"Polls show that about 80 per-cent of Americans support the concept of parental notification."

Opponents agree that young women are better off telling par-ents about a pregnancy, and say most do so voluntarily. But abortion-rights activists argue that politicians should not impose mandates that might backfire in cases where family communication already has broken down.

Jackson trial shaping up to be a thriller

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - The child molestation case against Michael Jackson is finally ready for a trial that promises to be like no

Jury selection was to begin Monday, with Jackson expected to appear, in a case that has become a symbol of the American obses sion with celebrity. Early Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his Web site, calling recent media leaks in the case "disgusting and false."

"Please keep an open mind and let me have my day in court," Jackson said, looking directly into the camera. "I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen. I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told

The uphill task of finding jurors who haven't prejudged the case is a mere prelude to a courtroom contest that will include

Entertainer scolds media on Web site

testimony from the boy who accuses the pop icon of molesting him.

More than 1,000 news representatives have applied for credentials, including reporters from Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia. Switzerland. Germany. Canada

On the defense side of court sits a glittering superstar who appears in makeup and theatrical outfits and has millions of fans worldwide who don't believe he could be a pedophile. Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the cancer patient — then age 13,

now 15 - after plying him with alcohol. On the prosecution side is Jackson's longtime nemesis, a balding, mustachioed Santa Barbara County district attorney. For more than a decade Tom Sneddon has pursued Jackson and what happens at his Neverland

"cold man" with a vendetta and likened the case to persecution.

Sneddon, 61, recently asked the judge to stop attacks on his motives. If the defense continues to call the case a crude attempt to 'take down a major celebrity," the prosecution wrote, Sneddon will reveal "everything he knows about this defendant."

Prosecutors have complained that defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. uses courtroom invective not only to hammer his opponents but also to brand the child witnesses - the accuser and his brother liars manipulated by their greedy mother. Mesereau is a tall, imposing man with a mane of white hair, known for winning seemingly hopeless death penalty cases in the

The referee is Superior Court Judge Rod-

has refused to tolerate tardiness or even, in one case, a bathroom break for the defendant. At the final pretrial hearing Friday. Melville made it clear that a gag order stands, and he won't abide lawyers attacking each other. "I expect and know that you will. all, on both sides, carry the burden of showing the world what a fine system we have," Melville said

From the start Melville has tried to clamp an extraordinary lid of secrecy on information. As jury selection neared, competition for a scoop undermined Melville's efforts. The 1.900-page transcript of the case prosecutors presented to the grand jury that indicted Jackson was leaked last month to thesmokinggun.com and ABC News

Among other things, the transcript includ-ed the accuser's testimony that Jackson closed his eyes tightly while molesting him on a bed, and that the pop star ignored the child's warnings that he shouldn't drink alcohol because of his medical condition.

EXCHANGE RATES
Military rates
Jananese ven (Jan. 31)101.00
Japanese yen (Jan. 31)
Furn costs (Jan. 31) \$1.341
Euro costs (Jan. 31)\$1.341 Dollar buys (Jan. 31)€0.7458
British pound (Jan. 31)\$1.94
Commercial rates Commercial rates
British nound \$1 8888
Canada (Dollar) 1 2402
Denmark (Krone) 5 6026
Egypt (Pound)5.8716
Hong Kong (Dollar)7.7995
Hungary (Forint) 188 04
Hungary (Forint)188.04 Iceland (Krona)60.59
Israel (Shekel)4.3995
Japan (Yen)103.36
Kuwait (Dinar)0.2919
Norway (Krone)6.3151
Philippines (Peso)55.06
Saudi Arabia (Rival)3,7500
Singapore (Dollar)1.6330
South Korea (Won)
Switzerland (Franc)1.1855
Thailand (Baht)38.46
Turkey (New Lira)1.4045
(Military exchange rates are those
available to customers at military bank-
ing facilities in the country of issuance

ing facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interacting the control of the contro

PRECIOUS METALS

-5
5.25 3.25 2.4375 2.46 4.61 Bank of
3.25 2.4375 2.46

Sundance festival honors its top picks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The family drama "Forty Shades of Blue centering on a modern Oedipal triangle involving a music producer, a Russian wife half his age and his son, won top dramatic honors at the Sundance Film Festival.

"Why We Fight," examining

the chronically militant stance of the United States over the past half-century, took Sundance's grand jury prize for documenta-

Awards were presented Saturday, with top winners screening one last time on Sunday as the 11-day independent-film showcase ended in Park City, Utah.



Ira Sachs, who directed and co-wrote the film "Forty Shades of Blue," receives the dramatic grand jury award Saturday for the film about a music producer, a Russian wife half his age and his son at the Sunda Film Festival in Park

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Tax resources

Knight Ridder News Service

That dreaded annual rite has

rolled around again: tax time. It's never too early to file your individual taxes. But if you need to get up to speed on your tax preparation, you might look at one of the following Web sites that feature useful tax insights and information

www.bankrate.com. Offers tax tips, from basics to tax-saving advice

- www.hrblock.com. tains wide range of tax tips and
- www.irs.gov. Provides insights, advice and resources for individual tay filers ■ www.smartmoney.com/tax.
- Features tax basics, worksheets and feature articles.
- www.taxhawk.com. Select "tax tips" to access list of top 10 tax tips and more.

Directed and co-written by Ira Sachs, "Forty Shades of Blue" stars Rip Torn as the aging hus-

band. Dina Korzun as his Russian bride and Darren Burrows as the

estranged son whose visit hurls

by Eugene Jarecki, brother of An-

drew Jarecki, whose "Capturing

the Friedmans" won the Sun-dance documentary prize in 2003.

ic films, chosen in voting by Sun-

dance film-goers, went to "Hustle

& Flow," the tale of a two-bit

pimp and drug-dealer (Terrence

Howard) who enlists an odd as-

sortment of allies in a bid to break

into the hip-hop music scene.

Written and directed by Craig

Brewer, "Hustle & Flow" was pro-

Sundance movie-goers chose di-

duced by John Singleton.

The audience award for dramat-

"Why We Fight" was directed

their lives into turmoil.

City, Utah.

Dana Adam Shapiro's "Murderball," a portrait of the competitive spirit of wheelchair-hound athletes, as the audience-award winner for documentaries.

Filmmaker Zeze Gamboa's The Hero," set in the aftermath of decades of civil war in Angola. earned the grand jury prize among world-cinema dramatic contenders

"Shape of the Moon," Dutch director Leonard Retel Helmrich's ortrait of a Christian family in Muslim-dominated Indonesia. took top honors in the world-cinema documentary category.

Special jury prizes for acting were given to Amy Adams, who plays a childlike Southern waif captivated by her worldly new sister-in-law from up north in "Junebug," and to Lou Pucci as a teenager whose oral fixation for his thumb causes a ruckus among his family in "Thumbsucker."

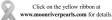
rectors Henry Alex Rubin and Don't wall too long. Valentine's Doy is HERE!

Sometic trigete & gifte in steer 5not to 6X.



Easy Valentine's Day gift-giving!

From now until February 14, 2005, Moon River Pearls, an online pearl jewelry store, is offering all U.S. military 30% off AAA-quality. solid nacre classic and modern pearl jewelry, plus FREE pearl stud earrings with every necklace order. This Valentine's Day, treat your sweetheart (ladies, treat yourselves!) to gorgeous pearl jewelry!



FREE FedEx delivery within the U.S. • FREE gift boxing • 30-day returns

FACES

Palmer weds at 75, feels youthful again

At 75. Arnold Palmer feels like a kid again after saying, "I do."



Palmer married Kathleen Gawthrop Wednesday in an intimate beach-side ceremony on Oahu, Hawaii's North

Shore. "I feel like a 25-year-old," he said Thursday The ceremony took place in a beach cottage near the Ar-nold Palmer Course at the Turtle Bay Resort, where the four-time Masters champion was to play at this weekend's Champions Tour event.

"She's a great lady. I've known her for a long time. We've been engaged for some time and dated before that," Palmer said. "She's just very special."

The wedding ceremony, held as the sun set over the Pa-

cific Ocean, was private and small. "The minister, the bride and the groom. That was it," Palmer said. This is Palmer's second marriage. His wife of 45 years, Winnie, died in 1999.

Berlin film festival presenters named

German actress Franka Potente, Chinese actress Bai Ling and French fashion designer Nino Cerruti will be among those choosing the winner of the Golden Bear top prize at the Berlin International Film Festival next month.

Their names were announced Thursday by organizers of the event, which will be held Feb. 10-20. Roland Emmerich, director of "Independence Day"

will be near ref. 10-20. Roland Emmerica, quiecuo' or Independence Day and "The Day After Tomorrow," will head the jury.

Among the 21 contenders for the top prize are Wes Anderson's "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou", "Kinsey," about American sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, and "Paradise Now," a Dutch-German-French co-production that follows 28 hours in the lives of two Palestinian suicide bombers.

Foot infection nearly knocked out Swank

While training for the boxing drama "Million Dollar Baby." Hilary Swank was nearly TKO'd - by a foot infection. Swank nominated for an Oscar as hest actress for her nerformance in the

Clint Eastwood-directed film, says a blister on her foot nearly led to her down-

After popping the blister, Swank continued her rigorous workouts. But soon she was in intense pain and knew some-thing was wrong. "I couldn't believe the pain," the 30-year-old actress said.

"It was unbelievable and I looked down, there were streaks going to my foot

"So I went to the doctor's that second and he looked at me and he said, 'This is really serious, And if you would have waited two more hours, you would have been in the

hospital for three weeks - and if it gets to your heart, that's it Swank says she was diagnosed with a bacterial infection but never told Eastwood, also her co-star in the movie, because it wouldn't have been in character. Instead, she took several days of medi-

cated rest and then returned to the ring.
"I didn't tell Clint," she says. "The producers don't know because in the end, that's what happens to boxers: They get blisters, they get infected. They

have injuries, and they keep pushing through it."

Swank won an Oscar in 2000 for her performance in "Boys Don't Cry."

Tsunami-relief benefit raises \$50,000

A benefit concert by country, gospel and contemporary Christian artists to help victims of the tsunami in South Asia raised more than \$50,000. Christian pop star Michael W. Smith and country singer Kathy Mattea hosted

Wednesday's event — "An Evening for Restoration: Music City Comes Together for Tsunami Relief" — at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

Performers included Steven Curtis Chapman, Marty Roe of Diamond Rio, CeCe Winans, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, Steve Cropper, the Oak Ridge Boys, Kirk Whalum, tobyMac, Crystal Gayle, MercyMe, Lee Greenwood, The Whites, Raul Malo, The Crabb Family, Dr. Bobby Jones, Michael Martin Murphey, the Nashville Chamber Orchestra and several Grand Ole Opry stars

Proceeds went to the international relief agency World Vision, which is working in the stricken southern Asian region, concert organizers said Thursday.

Islamic architect designer honored

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV received the fifth Vincent Scully Prize in recognition of his decades of work to re-energize design in the Islamic world and to preserve historic sites.

The Vincent Scully Prize, named for an architect professor at Yale University, was established in 1999 to recognize exemplary practice scholarship or criticism in architecture, historic preservation and urban design.

World Bank President James Wolfensohn was among those in the audience Tuesday night paying tribute to the Aga Khan at a black-tie gala.

The Aga Khan is the 49th hereditary Imam, a spiritual leader of 20 million Ismaili Muslims in Asia and Africa, who traces his lineage directly from the Prophet Muhammad. The Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has educated a generation of architects, teach-

ers, planners and researchers, most from the Islamic world, since 1979 Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Aga Khan



Paul Mesner holds a puppet in his studio in Kansas City, Mo. Mesner, 48, produces puppet shows in Kansas City and across the country. He also is new president of Puppete organization that promotes puppetry in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

PUPPET LOVE

Demand for puppeteers surges as interest grows

BY MARIA SUDEKUM FISHER The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. aul Mesner romps around his studio in shorts and tennis shoes, pointing out the special mouth hinges and weighted eyeballs that go into making the perfect puppet. His specialty is traditional rod puppets, but he also works with hand puppets and mario-

Mesner is founder of Paul Mesner Puppets and is the new president of Puppeteers of America, an organization that promotes puppetry in the United States, Mexico and Canada. He is taking the helm of the 2,000 or so member organiza-

tion at a time when puppets rule It's not just Bert and Ernie or Miss Piggy and Kermit anymore

Puppets have become major players on Broadway, starring in such productions as "Avenue Q," "The Lion King" and "Little Shop of Horrors," and are featured in such movies as "Team America: World Police."

lege students also have taken note. The University of Hawaii and West Virginia University offer courses in puppetry, and students at the University of Connecticut-Storrs can get bachelor's and master's degrees in puppet theater.

"The whole puppetry thing is incredibly vital right now," Mesner says. "And I can think of four or five universities that are turning out five to six graduate students a year and 10 to 20 un-dergraduates a year. Then there's Disney, which is training about 500 people to be puppeteers at their theme parks.

John Bell, who teaches a puppetry workshop at Emerson College in Boston and has been a POA member since the 1980s, said Mesner would be good at bridging the gap between the older puppeteers and the younger ones.

"He's part of that generation that came up after Jim Henson and among the people who saw the possibilities with puppets and were part of this real flourishing of puppet theaters in combination with the avant-garde and the political art, and with the new possibilities of television and film," Bell said.

Bell, who also runs Great Small Works, a puppet theater in New York, said it's an important time for puppetry because people no longer only associate it with children's theater.

"Now, when people find out you work with puppets, they don't say, 'Do you know the Mupets?' They say, 'Oh, there's some avant-garde puppet show in a water tank in New York.' It's just part of the consciousness of people now.

While puppetry has been on the move lately, it has been a constant in Mesner's life. Now 48, he made his first puppet as a child by adding strings to the back of his teddy bear. He went on to apprentice with a puppeteer in Nebraska during jun-ior high and high school. And he learned early that puppetry would not be an easy career choice.
"You have to be tenacious to make it in the-

ater," Mesner says. "You get no respect and no glory in puppetry. But what matters the most is when kids come

up and tell me they loved my show." Mesner produces puppet shows throughout the United States. His past productions include two-hour opera collaboration of "The Mika-"Strega Nona" and a "Cinderella," in which

the heroine heads off to the ball on a Vespa. Shows are often sold out but some of his more ambitious productions, such as last spring's opera collaboration of "The Mikado," didn't draw as many people as Mesner had hoped. "We generally count on 2,000 people seeing a show. But every time I'm setting the bar a little

higher," Mesner said. "We got 4,000 to 'The Mikado,' but we wanted 5.000. Robert Trussell, theater critic for The Kansas

City Star, credits Mesner with adding to the local theater scene.

"For Kansas City, it's unusual because most children's theater has a tendency to be extremely earnest," Trussell said. "They shy away from anything that could conceivably be misinter-preted. But Paul never worried about that.... He always had this quirky sense of humor that made his shows entertaining. Mesner says he never speaks down to chil-

dren. "So much of what kids get to watch has ei-ther been dumbed down or grossed down," he says. "I don't do that. I try to write everything for all ages

As new president of POA, Mesner plans to reach out to people interested in moving into pup-petry as a career. "Puppeteers of America needs to make itself a little more relevant, especially to the young people entering the field," he says. He would tell students entering puppetry to

consider starting their own company. Kansas City, which has about 1.5 million residents in the metro area, supports at least four puppet theaters, he says.

"I would tell young puppeteers to make a five to 10-year commitment to a city," Mesner says. "It's just an underserved market, and think of all those unemployed actors in those cities.'

TUESDAY EVENING / FEBRUARY 1 2005

MOVIES SPORTS

	LSL	MILVL	INIING / I	EDNU	ARY I, 2	.005					MO\	/IES	 SPORTS
	J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	Smallville "Truth" Cl to a deadly truth ser dies. (CC)	ark must find a cure um before Chloe	War Stories			The Simpsons Marge writes a nov- el. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win-	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos-	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				I Spy (CC)	Animaniacs
8	NEWS	frey (CC) Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Factor	pital (CC) r (CC)	FOX News (CC)		Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) Arena Foot	ball Teams to Be An	nounced. (Taped)		SportsCenter		NBA Basketball T	eams to Be Announc	ed. (Taped)			SportsCenter
-		The Simpsons	Everybody Loves	Star Trek: Enterpris	se "Stratagem"	CSI: Crime Scene	Investigation *Play	Top Hat and Tales:	Harold Ross and	Friends (CC)	Seinfeld George	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
10	SPEC	Lisa enrolls in dance school.	Raymond Ray's jealousy. (CC)	Archer wants the cre weapon to reveal its	eator of the Xindi	With Fire" A woman in a high-school pre	is found strangled	the Making of the I	New Yorker		poses as a marine biologist. (CC)	With Jon Stewart (CC)	
Н	AFN-FAM AFN-MOV	Fairly Oddparents Behind-Scenes	Rugrats Passover Ent. Tonight	The Proud Family	Amanda 1986, Drama) Tom B	Everwood "Fear Its erenner: Willem Dafe			Sister, Sister (CC)	The Cosby Show effrey Wright, Terreni	Home Improve.	Touched by an An	
14		(5:00) *** "Per- sonal Velocity" (2002) 'R' (CC)	** "Sign o' the T	imes" (1987, Musica mboyant rock star Pri	I) Prince, Sheila E.,	* * "Die Another [Day" (2002, Action) Fond and an American	ierce Brosnan, Halle	Berry, Toby	(:15) ** "The Roa	d to Wellville" (1994 derick. A turn-of-the-	. Comedy) Anthony	Hookins, Bridget
24	PBS		Zoom (EI) (CC)	The NewsHour Wit (CC)	h Jim Lehrer (N)	Nova "Supersonic E Concorde for supers flight. (N) (CC) (DVS	sonic nassenger	Unforgivable Black boxing champion Ja	ness: The Rise and ck Johnson. (N) (Par	Fall of Jack Johns	on Heavyweight	Charlie Rose Laure (CC)	nce Fishburne. (N)
25	SHOW	*** "Rosencrant	z and Guildenstern Richard Dreyfuss. Mi	Are Dead" (1990, Co nor characters from "	omedy-Drama) Gary Hamlet' seek the	* * "Blown Away"	(1994, Suspense) Jo n bomber plots reven	eff Bridges, Tommy L ge on his former pup	ee Jones, Lloyd iL 'R'	* * "The Core" (20 do. Earth's dead cor	103, Science Fiction) re must spin again or	Aaron Eckhart, Hilar humanity will perish	y Swank, Delroy Lir 'PG-13' (CC)
27	A&E	City Confidential A ern owner is prosec three people. (CC)	New England tav- uted for shooting	American Justice " Town" Alvin Ridley's in her sleep. (CC)		Cold Case Files "N A Woman Scorned" solves two stabbing	DNA technology	Cold Case Files "C child-abductor torms		Dog the Bounty Hunter "Hide and Seek" (CC)	Dog the Bounty Hunter Raid turns violent. (CC)	Crossing Jordan *i sci-fi author is found pects a vampire. (O	dead. Nigel sus-
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		High Tech Toys	Future Tense	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	Game Ka Na Ba?	Star Circle Quest	OK, Fine Whatever		(:05) Insider	Pipol		Kumikitang Kabuh Avan	Morning Star (Tagalog).	(:40) Mtb, Ang Say	a Saya	
30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Daybreak				American Morning		(55)-			
31	GOLF	•(4:30) European F Masters Third Box	GA Golf Caltex	●Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	•What's in the Bag?	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Channel Academy	Golf Channel Academy	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	•What's in the Bag?
32	TLC	Overhaulin' "Cherry a 1967 Nova. (CC)	Nova" Transforming	Rides "Mail Order H with after-market pa	lotrods" Chevy Nova	American Hot Rod Dwayne cracks und Charlie puts in an a	"65 Mustang 3" er the pressure while			Rides "Mail Order I- with after-market pa	lotrods" Chevy Nova rts.	In a Fix "Virtual Isla sions. (CC)	
34	TOON	Powerpuff Girls!	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Courage the Cow- ardly Dog	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Justice League	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon C	Cartoon shorts.	Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	Mucha Lucha
35	ANPL	Who Gets the Dog' lies compete for the Hugs, a terrier mix.	? "Hugs" Three fami- chance to adopt (N)	Animal Precinct 'B vestigating a report canine whose back	of a dead dog and a	Barking Mad "Gold Stubborn donkeys.	ie & Chester Zoo"	Who Gets the Dog lies compete for the Hugs, a terrier mix.	? "Hugs" Three fami- chance to adopt	Animal Precinct 'B vestigating a report canine whose back	of a dead dog and a	The Most Extreme menting wildlife that (CC)	"Swarms" Docugathers in swarms.
36	СОМ	Crank Yankers Gladys calls about charm classes.	South Park A package arrives from Afghanistan.	Chappelle's Show Snoop Dogg. (CC)	Distraction Con- testants harried. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Jim Wallis. (N)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Brian Ross. (CC)	Chappelle's Show Snoop Dogg. (CC)	Distraction Con- testants harried. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Jim Wallis. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Brian Ross. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Brad Sherwood. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Brad Sherwood. (CC)
40	NGC-A	Lost Fighter Plane		Snake Wranglers Venom extraction.	Croc Chronicles Capturing croco- diles.	Giants of the Ice	Wildlife Detectives Tiger dealers nabbed.	Tae Kwon Do: Refi Spirit The martial a	ections on Korean rt of tae kwon do.	Trail of the Cougar the cougar's relation	The dynamics of iship with humans.	Going to More Ext	remes "Cold"
42	SPIKE	* * "Revenge of th strong, Premiere, Th	e Nerds II: Nerds in e Tri-Lambdas atten	Paradise" (1987, C d a fraternity conventi	omedy) Robert Carra on in Florida. (CC)	dine, Curtis Arm-	MXC "Donors and Addicts"	World's Wildest Po	lice Videos (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Hot Buttered Movie: Elektra	Maximum Exposur food.	e Taste-testing cat
43	FOX	That '70s Show The Formans skip church. (CC)	That '70s Show Kelso breaks into the office. (CC)			American Idol (Sea (Part 1 of 2) (CC)	sson Premiere) Perfo	rmers audition in from	nt of judges. (N)	News		The Simpsons Bart and Lisa try to save puppies.	Seinfeld George gets flamboyant new glasses. (CC)
44	BET	Soul Food "Welcom troublesome patient.	e Home" Kenny is a .(CC)	Club Comic View L	il JJ; Chris Tabb.	BET Nightly News	106 & Park: BET's	Top 10 Live Ja Rule	John Leguizamo.	Soul Food "Welcon troublesome patient	ne Home" Kenny is a . (CC)	Rap City: Tha Bass	ment
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Flight of tives clash with Lt. F ment; a teen is killed	of Fancy' The detec- ancy's icy replace-	Cops Drug task force pursuit; ca- nine officer. (CC)	Cops From Boston: narcotics violation arrest. (CC)	Forensic Files Notepad points to kidnapper.	Forensic Files "Point of Origin" A serial arsonist.	Forensic Files In- vestigation into a fire.	North Mission Road Nuclear sci- entist killed. (N)	Masterminds Thief netted \$133 million. (N)		Extreme Evidence "Columbia Count- down"	Extreme Evidence An oil spill kills seabirds.
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons		Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	Charmed (CC)		Wild Card (CC)		Manhunt (CC)	•	Friends (CC)	Charmed (CC)
50	LIFE	"Songs in Ordinary lea. Premiere. A cha	/ Time" (2000, Dram rismatic drifter enter	a) Sissy Spacek, Ber s a divorced mother's	au Bridges, Keir Dul- life. (CC)	The Nanny Fran wants to adopt the children. (CC)	The Golden Girls Dorothy and Stan owe the IRS. (CC)	The Nanny Maggie wants to live with boyfriend.	The Golden Girls A candidate slan- ders Blanche.	The Division *Play player is accused of	Ball" A baseball rape. (CC)	Suddenly Susan Susan gets three great offers. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	(5:00) **: "Home Comedy) Mike Wein to reunite his estran	berg. A boy wants	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Kathy Kinney. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Weird Newscasters."	The 700 Club Sper faithfulness. (N) (CC	dthrifts find God's	America's Funni- est Home Videos Family dinner.	America's Funni- est Home Videos Ice bowling. (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club Sper faithfulness. (N) (CC	dthrifts find God's
53	HIST	The Presidents "18 leadership changes	25-1849" America's hands. (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels 'N Non-humans perforn dures. (N) (CC)	ature's Engineers 2" n complex proce-	of Sing Sing prison (CC)	in Ossining, N.Y.	The Presidents "17 tion's founding father	'89-1825" The na-	The Presidents "18 leadership changes	25-1849" America's hands. (CC)	Modern Marvels "N Non-humans perfor dures. (CC)	lature's Engineers 2 m complex proce-
57	STR-MV	(2003, Drama) Farra	ood Wives: The New th Fawcett, Melissa (st drives three wome	Generation" Gilbert, The guest for	(:20) ** "Sleepin Julia Roberts, Patric sures to flee her abu	g With the Enemy" k Bergin. A woman t usive husband.	(1991, Suspense) akes drastic mea-	* "Just Married" (: Murphy, Christian K honeymoon in Euro	2003, Comedy) Ashti ane. Two newlyweds pe.	on Kutcher, Brittany endure a disastrous	(:35) *** "River's Keanu Reeves, Den teenager kills his gir	Edge" (1987, Dram	a) Crispin Glover, keep mum after a
58	ADV 1	To Be Announced	Game for It	Total Adventure	Adventure Challe		Budget Travel	Orange Un- plugged	Game for It	To Be Announced		Next Wave	Total Adventure
59	MTV	The Real World Landon feels threatened. (CC)	The Real World Melanie has a mys- terious rash.	The Real World "Philadelphia" Sarah hooks up.		MTV Cribs Rachel Hunter.	Room Raiders	Wanna Come In?	Wanna Come In?	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)
60	NICK		Zoey 101 Logan concocts a plan to spy.	The Adventures of		SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide (CC)	Fatherhood Angle gets bad grades. (CC)	of Bel-Air Carlton	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Black- mailer Will. (CC)	The Cosby Show Clair "grandmoth- ers" the babies.	Roseanne Dan joins a blues band. (CC)	Roseanne Roseanne films a family video. (CC)

JAPAN TV

Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: A Wish Upon A Star (4) 10:25 Koréan Drama: A Wish Upon A Star (4 Afternoon 12:30 CSI; Crime Scene Investigation 12:30 News (1 CSI) CSI (1 CSI) CSI

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning 6:15 World News 7:15 World News 8:15 World News

9:15 World News Hour 10:10 BS Documentary: U.S. Journalism and Iraqi War (r) 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon

12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News

4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

5:15 Asian News Evening Weeks Asia Sile News Today, World News

Men's Super G (r) 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports

4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Mika Sato Piano Recital Bevening 7:00 NHK News

1300 NRN News 800 U.S. Movie (1999): The Love Letter (1:30) 10:00 TV Series: West Wing 3 12:00 Tunislan-French Movie (1994): Les Si-lences du Palais (2:10)

wowow

Morning 6:00 The Beat File: Sting 7:30 Oswald #26 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Live from Baghdad (1:50)

9:50 British-French Movie (2002): Long time
11:20 TV Series: Friends the Final #225
11:20 TV Series: Triends the Final #225
12:20 TV Series: Triend Watch
12:20 TV Series: Triend Watch
12:20 TV Series: Triend Watch
12:20 Market #20 Series
12:20 Ma

5:30 Oswald #26
Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola (r)
6:00 T Series: Dawson's Creek
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-tion - Miami 2
10:00 U.S. Movie (1974): Alice Doesn't Live Here Arynore (1:54)
12:00 The Beat File: Alicia Keys

MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Monday

500 JEAN COM News Chart Top 10
Evening
600 M SM Tuesday
600 M SM Tuesday
MOND. Chart Express Powered by
MOND.
600 Chart Express Powered by
MOND.
600 Chart
600 VATAL A Video: Good Charlotte
1100 Makensus: Marilyn Misson
1200 M ST VIDEO Chart Top 10
1200 M SIGE Puesday
1200 M SIGE Puesda

STARS STRIPES | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THOMAS E. KELSCH, Publisher PANASIEWICZ General Manage

News and Editorial

DAVID MAZZARELLA, Editorial Director DOUG CLAWSON, Managing Editor ROBB GRINDSTAFF, Associate Edit BROOKS E. BOWERS, Opinion Editor, Pacific JOE GROMELSKI, Electronic Edition Editor ASSISTANT MANAGING FRITORS Chris Carlson, News Peter Photikoe, Photo/Graphics Brian Bowers, Features Sean Moores, Sports T.D. Flack, Pacific

Addresses

U.S. MAIL: Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002 INTERNATIONAL MAIL: 23-17 Roppongi, 7-chome, Minato-ku

INTERNATIONAL MALL 25-17 Pupplengs, Financial Tokyo 106-0032, Japan FAX: DSN 229-3132; cir. (+81) (03) 3408-8936 E-MAIL: Readers Forum: letters@pstripes.osd.mil Advertising: advertising@pstripes.osd.mil Marketing: marketing@ostripes.osd.mil

main woung: Hainworing oppositiops substituted in Circulation: circulation@pstripes.osd.mil CENTRAL OFFICE: 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301. Phone DSN 312-763-0900 or civ. (+1) (202) 761-0900. Fax (+1) (202) 761-0890 EDITORIAL DIRECTOR: David Mazzarella, 529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20045-1301. Phone DSN 312-763-0945 or civ. (+1) (202) 761-0945.

ail: mazzarellad@stripes.osd.mil OMBUDSMAN: Joe Ungaro. Send comments to: Ombudsman, Stars and Stripes, 529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20045-1301. Phone civilian (+1) (401) 364-6032; fax (+1) (401) 364-8696: or e-mail: ombudsman@strines osd mil

How to call us

GENERAL MANAGER: DSN 229-3121: civ. (+81) (3) 3404-9428 READERS' FORUM: DSN 229-3166; civ. (+81) (3) 3404-9442/3; e-mail: letters@pstripes.osd.mil SPORTS: Dave Ornauer, DSN 645-7433; civ. (+81) (98)

893-2702; e-mail: ornauerd@pstripes.osd.mil
For business, advertising and circulation numbers,
turn to the classified section.

News Bureaus

Japan Bureau Chief: Sid Azèn, 145002, APO AP 96337-5002, tel. DSN 229-3357: civ. (03) 3404-944279; fax DSN 229-3271; civ. [+81](03) 3408-9396, e-mail sid@pstripes.cod.mil Misawa: Jennifer H. Svan, tel. DSN 226-2550; civ. (0176) 53-3181 ext. 226-2559; (81) 3117-66-2550; fax DSN 276-2847; med. psaigo-efficient and de-fine and and de-fine

226-3847; e-mail: svanj@pstripes.osd.mil

Sasebo/lwakuni: Greg Tyler, PSC 476, Box 1126, FPO AP
96322-1126; tel. and fax DSN 252-3832; e-mail: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mil Tokyo/Yokosuka/Atsugi: Juliana Gittler and Hana Kusum

DSN 229-3105 and 229-3152 or civ. (+81) (3) 3404-9442; fax DSN 229-3271. e-mail: gittlerj@pstripes.osd.mil; matah@pstripes.osd.mi NJSumoton@pstripes.osc.mii

Vokota/Camp Zama/Camp Fuji: Vince Little, Unit 5058 APO AP

96328-5058; tel. DSN 225-9233; civ. (04) 2552-2511 ext.

59233 fax: DA 225-7752; e-mail: littlev@pstripes.osd.mii

Okinawa: David Allen, Fred Zimmerman, Chiyomi Sumida and Erik Slavin, Camp Foster, Unit 35157, FPO AP 96374: tel. DSN 645-3807 or civ. (+81) (98) 893-2702 fax DSN 645-9165; e-mail: okibureau@pstripes

KOREA KOREA
Korea Bureau Chief: Joseph Giordono, Unit 15334, APO AP
95205-0423; tel. DSN 721-7132 or civ. (+82) (2)
2270-5334; e-mail: giordonoj@pstripes.osd.mil
Camp Red Cloud/Camp Casey: Seth Robson, Address: Stars and

Strings c/n HHC 2ID (PAD) Hnit 15041 APO AP 96258-0289 tel. civ. 011-9909-7134; e-mail: robsons@pstripes.osd.ml

Osan Air Base/Camp Humphreys: Franklin Fisher, Unit 15334,

APO AP 96278; tel. DSN 784-2751 or civ. (+82) (31)

AFO AF 96276; Bil. USW 784-2751 til UW. (+82/31) 661-4523; fax DSN 783-1032; e-mail: fisherf@pstripes.osd.mil oul: Teri Weaver and Hwang Hae-rym, Unit 15334, APO AF 96205-0423; tel. DSN 721-7131, 721-7132 or 721-7134, riv (+82) (2) 2270-7132/7134; fav DSN 721-7141; p-mail koreabureau@pstripes.osd.mil Taegu: Unit 15334, APO AP 96205-0423; tel. DSN 721-7131, 721-7132 or 721-7134, civ. (+82) (02) 2270-7132/7134;

fax DSN 721-7133; e-mail: koreabureau@pstripes.osd.mi

WaSHINGTON D.C.

Bureau editor: Patrick Dickson, 529 14th Street NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301; tel. (+1) (202) 761-0859; e-mail

Bureaus editor: Patrick Dickson; 2c2 Jahn sorers im, suere Sur-skashington DC 2005-1-301; fet. (+1) (2022) F51-0859; e-mail-dicksong@utipes.cost.mli in: Burgess, et pl. 11: Burgess, et

Stars and Stripes (USPS 417 900) is published daily (except Christmas and New Year's) for 50 cents daily and \$1 Sunday by the Stars and Stripes central office, 529 14th St. NW, Suite 350, Washington DC 20045-1301. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, Calif Postmaster: Send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes Unit 45002. APO AP 96337-5002

© European and Pacific Stars and Stripes 2004

This newspaper is authorized for publication by the Department of Defense for members of the Military Services overseas. However, the contents of the STARS and STRIPES are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of or endorsed by the U.S. Government species as the dimical views of, or encorses by, the U.s. Colverment, including the Department of Defense or the U.S. Pacific Command, As a DOD newspaper, the STARS and STRIPES may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote and isolated locations where overseas DOD personnal era located.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or

supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of De fense or the STARS and STRIPES of the products or services advertised Products or services advertised in this publication shall be made avail able for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion sex, national origin, age, manifal status, physical handicap, political affilia tion, or any other nonment factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

STARS AND STRIPES WEB SITE: www.stripes.com

Show troops real support

The stir created by the University of Oregon's removal of a troop support sticker this month from a university vehicle is a dubious reflection of how Americans define support. Concern over the removal is unfounded and, ironically, overshadows the quality of life for returning troops, those for whom the stickers are intended.

Our support is woefully conditional. When troops come back safe and sound we're there for them, providing hugs and handshakes. Yet we walk right past the less fortunate getting off the same plane. What they need is time, attention and someone to stay on task with them.

The personal-responsibility rule suggests troops and their families must deplete their personal resources in the effort to secure assistance. This is ludicrous. We quietly nod or say nothing as budget cuts are proposed to veterans programs and assistance programs. We deliberately avoid the veterans' new reality. We shun them into areas of life designed for the less entitled. We reduce their image by labeling them "disadvantaged" and think this releases us from our responsibility to care for them as completely as they deserve.

Unlike the derelict who never contributed to society's benefit but benefits from society, troops and their families have earned our support to include basic living allowances, all levels of health care, finan cial assistance, education and employment that befits their now differing talents and skills. This is what they deserve.

Anything less is just a sticker on a car. Diana Hartman Stuttgart, Germany

ACLU unfairly accused

I am writing in response to the Dec. 6 letter "Freedom from regulation is key." in which I feel the American Civil Liberties Union was unfairly accused of needing to study the Constitution. On its Web site, www.aclu.org, the ACLU publishes its intent, purpose and agenda, including: ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty We work daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the in dividual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Our job is to conserve America's original civic values — the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

On its page addressing religious liberty, the ACLU says: "The free exercise clause of the First Amendment guarantees the right to practice one's religion free of gov ernment interference. The establishment clause requires the separation of church and state. Combined, they ensure religious liberty. Yet assaults on the freedom to believe continue, both in Washington and in

state legislatures around the country." Sounds to me that the ACLU is very well-versed in the Constitution and has set out to ensure its safety; which means both parts of the First Amendment, not just the

Tell us what you think

Stars and Stripes welcomes your comments on editorials and columns that are published in the newspaper and values letters on topics of importance in the lives of our readers. All letters must be signed, and must include the writer's address or base and telephone number. Please limit all letters to 300 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, taste and clarity

Send your letters to: U.S. Mail:

Readers' Forum Stars and Stripes Unit 45002 APO AP 96337-5002

International mail: Stars and Strines 7-23-17 Roppongi Minato-ku Tokyo 106-0032

Via fax from Japan: 03-3408-8936; DSN 229-3271

Via fax from outside Japan: [Country code +81] 3-3408-8936; DSN 229-3271

E-mail: letters@pstripes.osd.mil

one currently espoused by evangelical extremists who think that their right to practice religion freely includes binding the government to a particular religious interpretation of the facts - in clear violation of the separation clause and good taste.

The letter writer seems to think he, like other extremists, has figured out the intent of the Founding Fathers despite the words they included in the First Amendment. The writer also insults the Founding Fathers when he says their intent was to keep the government from interfering in religion, not to create an unbridgeable chasm between the two." If this were the case, then the First Amendment would have said only that the government has no right to interfere with the free exercise of religion and not mentioned that whole other thing about establishment of reli-

The letter write needs to take a course on the Constitution and I recommend he contact the experts at the ACLU - whether he likes them or not.

Maj. Phil Franklin Stuttgart, Germany

Infantry earns special badge

To the writer of the letter "No CIB in an Army of One" (Dec. 10): Let's clear up a few things. Army of One doesn't mean evervone is the same and we all do the same thing. It means we're all on one team, but that each soldier makes his individual contribution and is vital to the mission

I have no doubt that military police deploy often, long and in dangerous situations, and that roadside bombs can hit any soldier at any time. Yet as an infantryman who has deployed to Kosovo, Afghanistan, and currently to Iraq, I have been directly engaged by the enemy more than once. We have seven Purple Hearts in my platoon alone. How dare anyone trivialize what we, the infantry, have done for freedom! You dishonor those who have been award

ed the coveted Combat Infantryman

Badge posthumously.
The CIB/Expert Infantryman Badge and Combat Field Medical Badge/Expert Field Medical Badge were started in 1943 to honor those soldiers who did the "majority" of the fighting and made the "major" sacrifices. Those in other military occupational specialties are honored for their contribution to the war with combat natches and six-month combat service stripes.

We are all on one team, fighting tyranny But I hate to burst your bubble - the infantry is the backbone of the Army. The maiority of MPs I have seen do guard duty and convoy escorts. We do mounted and dismounted patrols, recons and raids. What major offensive have you been on? Scan your sector and let the infantry shoot our lane!

Spc. Eric D. Kesseler Baghdad

All in combat deserve badge

Why isn't every soldier in the war getting combat badges? Some soldiers are up in arms about a Combat Infantryman's Badge awarded without the 11B military occupational specialty. This is nonsense! Are not all soldiers infantry first? Predeployment training involves weeks of 11B tactics. Then this training is used during a tour of duty. Not to mention, it only takes two weeks in the National Guard to earn the 11B designator.

This is a different war, which means different rules. There are no front lines. The suicide bombing in the Mosul chow hall exemplifies this. The enemy is among us, evervone is on the front line.

Serving in Iraq as a 91W (medic), I have three other MOSs, including 11B. With missions outside the wire, riding in convovs and the incoming mortars in our operating base, should I not receive a combat badge? I believe the soldier makes the medal, the medal does not make the soldier. Still, military awards are great for morale, unit cohesion and distinguishing one's work and sacrifice.

I want my silly little badge. I asked to go to combat. I will probably be here for more than a year. There is nothing wrong in feeling proud of our sacrifice and wanting to show it. We have earned it.

Sgt. Victor A. Ioffredo Northern Iraa

Rich not doing share in Iraq

All the hullabaloo over the CBS report on President Bush's National Guard records would not have happened if both Bushes had told the truth. As we all know, most of the rich and shameless never go to war unless they want to. Just look at our Congress - how many have any kin in the war on terrorism? Also look at the poor souls who are out there now, and the families that don't have enough funds to live their lives because they lost their loved ones. And that's what it is all about. Alexander Fiore

Camp Darby, Italy

Doonesbury







OPINION

Generous to a fault: Hype-free aid preferred

andra Bullock wants us to know she gave \$1 million to the Red Cross for tsunami disaster relief. which is nice of her Indeed when "Sandra Bullock tsunami. 64,300 results appear.

Karen Heller



Steven Spielberg wants us to know that he gave \$1.5 million divided among Care, Oxfam and Save the Children for tsunami relief. He usually keeps donations pri vate, or so his publicist says, but went public "to further encourage others to make donations of any amount to these

and other organizations aiding the relief effort As if the pictures, stories and statistics

weren't enough

As I write this, Jay Leno and Harlev-Davidson are auctioning off a star-auto graphed Road King for disaster relief - it says so on their Web sites — which seems inappropriate in so many ways.

Kobe Bryant was one of seven NBA play ers who pledged \$1,000 for every point scored one recent week, though critics thought it might be an attempt at career

Each day brings fresh pronouncements from actors, musicians, even lowly newspaper scribes of all the good work they're doing in the name of the catastrophe Once again, we are venturing into the murky, though increasingly traveled, wa ters of In Style-magazine philanthropy. If someone better known is doing it, using a hair product or donating to a just cause,

then mere mortals might do the same Some of us were raised with the belief that giving was a responsibility attended by humility, not a press release. To call attention to ourselves, even when doing noble deeds, is not beneficence but pride. Making ourselves more important than the cause is hubris. Yet, there's a prevailing me-tooism, with everyone racing to raise funds, and publicity, when only the

former is needed. We are inundated with appeals from schools, religious institutions and workplaces to give as a group, upping the ante of how much can be delivered and then promoted, when many people were raised to believe that charity begins at home and that it's the individual who makes a difference, not a cheerleading effort.

Bad events always bring out the worst in opportunists, as easily as they bring out the best in the magnanimous. Publicists shill opportunistic shrinks promoting their latest tsunami insights and self-help book to any desperate hack willing to care. Celebrity newscasters have to share their stories. Why? Why? Soon. I have no doubt. chartered iets of supermodels. Formula One racers and Oscar winners will be traveling to Asia, because every story needs a recognizable and beautiful face to pro-



mote on television, in tabs and the glossies. Look, whatever the motivation, in the end good things are happening: a fund-raising record in individual and government donations, appropriate for one of the largest natural disasters in modern

Traditionally, most charitable giving is too insular and self-reflective, with the largest gifts going to religious institutions (40 percent) or schools (32 percent), invariably the donor's own. Until now, a paltry 2.2 percent has gone annually to international organizations, according to the American Association of Fundraising Counsel

All I ask is that we operate with the modesty and grace charity requires. The gift is in the giving. The stories should be entirely devoted to those who matter, the recipients, the witnesses, the survivors of worse than we'll ever know.

Parties should unite to increase aid to war widows

f there is any common ground for agreement left between the warring political parties in Congress it should be in protecting the welfare of the loved ones of American soldiers who die in

Dan Thomasson



combat. At the moment, the nation's grati tude for those who

have given their utmost is a paltry \$12,420 — in many cases hardly enough to nay for funeral expens-A proposal would in

crease that 1908-established gratuity to \$100,000; hardly an excessive amount when one considers what

this government has paid survivors of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack That compensation averages well over \$1 million for civilian families, with relatives of policemen and firemen killed in the tragedy receiving more than twice that. The 9/11 victim compensation fund was established to protect the commercial airline industry from suits arising from the attack. It was not a great idea, given the precedent it sets

Since it was established during President Theodore Roosevelt's administration in 1908 as a bonus for Civil War veterans, the gratuity, originally a few hundred dollars. has been increased several times - but not by much. It went to \$1,800 to \$3,000 (depending on rank) in 1956. During the Gulf War it was raised to \$6,000 with half of that tax able. In 2003, the amount was increased to \$12,000 and it was made tax free and tied to military pay raises. On Jan. 1, the 3.5 percent pay increase for all military person boosted it by \$420.

Currently, the Army provides both an opportunity for its troops to buy at a low rate a \$250,000 term life insurance policy and a death benefit of \$6,900. Plus there is a limited monthly stipend for wives

There have been complaints that paperwork has made the insurance payments slow and some wives and children have been financially as well as emotionally devastated. Another plan circulating in Congress would have the Army pay the premium on the insurance policy. Some in the military have reduced the amount of the policy as a way of saying money or, in some cases, refused it altogether.

The proposal also would increase the insurance to \$300,000 and the estimates are that the cost of raising both the death gratuity and the insurance ceiling would cost about \$420 million in the first year

While that may seem substantial, it is little ugh to pay to assure those willing to sacrifice their lives that their survivors have evtended security.

Few issues have more emotional appeal and practical application. If the nation is going to continue to rely on an all-volunteer military supplemented by reserve and National Guard units, then few other proposals could do as much to keep recruitments high as convincing potential soldiers in a time of war that their loved ones will be taken care of should anything happen to them.

Aside from the practical aspect, it is simly the right thing, the moral thing to do. Past generations have willingly sacrificed their lives in the national interest without the kind of protections they deserved. Few have made an issue of it. The time has come to provide the guardians of our welfare and freedom with more than just a posthumous medal for bravery. In fact, the insurance policy should be extended to those who are permanently maimed in combat. As a former secretary of Veterans Affairs noted recently, those who care for soldiers who have lost a limb or face long-term disability frequently have more serious emotional and financial drains than the families of those who have died. But extending the insurance to cover injuries probably is some time off.

There are also several private foundations established to provide compensation for the families of those who die in service. The Intrepid Fund, supported by private donations, distributes several thousand dollars for children and wives and husbands of mili-But the government should bear most of

Republicans pushing the increase clearly believe it will help offset Democratic charges that the Bush administration has been negligent in its treatment of servicemen and women, failing to provide many of them, particularly reservists and Guardsmen, with adequate armor and other equipment. Whatever the reasons behind this push, it is an opportunity for both parties to put aside some of the animosity already so obvious in the first days of the new Congress and do something for the most deserving among us. Chances seem fairly good that few lawmakers will want to vote against it, especially those who have been so critical of Iraq and current Pentagon policies.

Dan Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





PAGE 16 J 9346969684 STARS AND S Lexington.

Twin record set

NY FREDONIA -- The 157-student freshman class at Fredonia High School includes seven sets of twins enough to earn the district a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records

Guinness has sent the district a certificate, which will be displayed in the high school. Only three of the

sets attending the Chautauqua County school, about 50 miles west of Buffalo, were born locally.

AMERICAN

ROUNDUP

CO DENVER — Officials will examine Colorado's

124,000 commercial driver's licens-

es following allegations that state workers sold some to unqualified

drivers and illegal immigrants,

state revenue officials said. The

commercial licenses are required

to drive tractor-trailers and other

large vehicles. Two driver's li-

cense examiners and a third per-

Airport tops own record

NV LAS VEGAS — McCarran

ed more than 41.4 million travelers

last year, besting its previous record of 36.9 million set in 2000.

Southwest Airlines was the busiest

carrier at McCarran, serving just

under 13 million passengers, a 10.8

percent increase from the previ-

some competition, from a real hog.

Lil Bit will do the forecasting on

looking for his shadow in Pennsyl

vania, Lil Bit, the 65-pound potbel-

lied pig, will be doing the same in

More butter, please

Factory in Lake Forest, III., fills tins

with noncorn, National Popcorn Day

is Jan. 31. Americans on average

eat about 68 quarts a year.

Veronica Lopez at the Popcorn

Officials in Lexington say their

While groundhog Phil will be

sutawney Phil could get

Punx-

Hog competition

NC LEXINGTON —

International Airport host-

son face charges.

ous year.

Feb 2

License investigation

Naughty festival name

MN GILBERT — Promoting this town's proud history is one thing. Naming the town's festival Gilbert Whorehouse Days is another thing entirely.

A group of angry citizens showed up at a City Council meeting to protest the event. The festival's name refers to a time when Gilbert, a remote town of about 2,000 people, was known for its bars, gambling and "working girls" during the U.S. government ban on drinking in the 1920s and

"The damage has been done, resident Fran Marolt said. "This is not a family-oriented activity.'

The event doesn't include any of the activities that gave the festival its name, but City Council members still don't approve.

Organizers say the festival

and its name — are meant to bring back a part of history. The festival is planned for two days in July and includes a car show, antique fair and bank robbery re-enactment.

Black-and-white apology

JACKSONVILLE — When five dozen roses didn't work, an estranged husband took out a full-page newspaper ad to ask his wife for forgiveness.

"Please believe the words in my letter, they are true and from my heart," read the ad in The Florida Times-Union. "I can only hope you will give me the chance to prove my unending love for you. Life without you is empty and meaningless."

Larry, who declined to give his last name, sent the \$17,000 apology to Marianne, his wife of 17 years.

"It was a culmination of things, he told the newspaper. "But I am desperately trying to save our marriage.

A relative told him that Marianne saw the advertisement

"She said my wife read the ad and started crying. But so far I've had no response from her." Larry

Animal electrocution

BROWNSVILLE water pump at the Gladys Porter Zoo may have produced an electric current that killed three antelopes, zoo officials said. According to autopsies, the fe-

male West African bushbucks died the weekend of Jan. 8 of acute myocardial necrosis complications of the heart.

"We can't say for sure that this happened, but we have ruled out as many things as possible," zoo spokeswoman Cynthia Garza-Galvan said in The Brownsville Herald.

"The results are consistent with electrical shock."

Lexington is famous for its pigs, but they're usually smothered in barbecue sauce.

Trail reopened

AZ FLAGSTAFF — A popular trail into the Grand Canyon that was closed because of weather-related mck and land slides has reopened, National Park Service officials are requiring hikers to wear metal spikes on their shoes because of icv conditions. Mule trips on the Bright Angel Trail remain suspended.

Body found after storm

NY NEW YORK — A 70-year-old cab driver who died in his parked taxi just as a blizzard hit the region went undiscovered for three days as snow piled up over his vehicle.

The man, whose name was not released pending family notification, was found in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn, near where he lived, said Sgt. Kevin Ferrell, a police spokesman.

It appeared that he died of a heart attack shortly after parking his car on the street, the same day a winter storm began dumping nearly 18 inches of snow on the Snowplows pushed banks of

snow against his car, blocking the view inside. The man's body was discovered only after above-freezing temperatures melted the snow.

Video games banned

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Matt Blunt banned video games from the state's prisons, a month after a newspaper reported some of Missouri's most violent inmates were allowed to plays games simulating murders, cariackings and the killings of police officers.

Blunt, a Republican who took office two weeks ago, called video games "a luxury that inmates should not be allowed to enjoy.

The ban applies to all video games - violent or not.

The Corrections Department already had removed 35 violent video games from the maximum-security Jefferson City Correctional Center as The Kansas City Star prepared to publish a story about the games in early December

Secession considered

WINHALL - Officials in another community want their town to secede from Vermont and join New Hampshire.

ne Winhall Selectboard plans to ask voters about the secession idea on Town Meeting Day on March 1

Town officials believe property taxes in Vermont are too high and the education funding system is flawed. A successful secession vote would send a message to the Legislature, said Selectboard Chairman Frank Pinto.

"It's to make a statement to Montpelier," he said. "We're not happy."

Killington voters approved a pro posal last year to merge with New Hampshire after repeated attempts to challenge the state's education law.



Bud Khuth, Associated Student Government Tuition protest president at Mt. Hood Community College. ioins members of the Oregon Student Association to rally for lower tuition rates in Salem. Ore.



Leoncio Medina Rodrigues of Mexico City sculpts a Arctic art piece titled "Nautilus" at the Budweiser International Snow Sculpture Championships in Breckenridge, Colo.



Tall tires in Tyler

Jeff Brock unloads a tire for the truck Big Sergeant before a monster truck competition at the Oil Palace in Tyler, Texas.



Bubbly youngster bubbles as part of the El Paso, Texas, school's Science Expo.

Helen Ball Elementary School kindergartner Saul Sarinana blows soap



Cooler heads prevail Robby Woodworth, 10, left, reacts as Kane Rose, 11, dumps snow onto his head after leaving school for the day in Hutchinson, Kan.



With the help of 3-foot-tall letters made from hundreds of carnations and Original approach the Korbel Perfect Proposal Contest, Kristin Dunn of Boise, Idaho, turned the tables on tradition by popping the question to her unsuspecting boyfriend, Tim Szofran. He said yes.

Danger on drawbridge

HALLANDALE BEACH A 79-year-old woman suffered only bruises after a drawbridge opened beneath her as she walked across it, leaving her dangling from the structure.

Helen Koton said she did not hear any warning signals before the bridge began to open with her nearly halfway across. She said she was able to grab the railing.

As the bridge rose to its full height, motorists got out of their cars and told the bridge attendant. who lowered the span after several minutes

"Finally, I came down. When I came down, I fell on my face, so I bruised my forehead and my nose," she told Miami television station WSVN

Fired for smoking

LANSING — Four employees of a health care company have been fired for refusing to take a test to determine whether they smoke cigarettes.

Weyco Inc., a health benefits ad-ministrator based in Okemos. Mich., adopted a policy Jan. 1 that allows employees to be fired if they smoke, even if the smoking happens after business hours or at home

Company founder Howard Weyers has said the anti-smoking rule was designed to shield the firm from high health-care costs. "I don't want to pay for the results of smoking," he said.

The rule led one employee to quit before the policy was adopted. Four others were fired when they balked at the smoking test.

Chief Financial Officer Gary Climes estimated that 18 to 20 of the company's 200 employers were smokers when the policy was announced in 2003. Of those, as many as 14 quit smoking before the policy went into effect. The company offered them beln to kick

Young, white, rich, drunk

NY NEW YORK — Young, white Manhattan residents with household incomes at or above \$50,000 are more likely than average to be excessive drinkers, while nearly half of city residents never drink at all, according to a study by the city health department.

Some 23 percent of adults age 18 to 24 and 20 percent of those 25 to 44 report drinking to excess - defined as more than two drinks a day for men and more than one a day for women, the study said.

By comparison, only 11 percent of those 45 to 64 and 6 percent of those 65 or older say they drink excessively.

In Manhattan, 22 percent of residents describe themselves as excessive drinkers — the highest per-centage among New York's five boroughs and twice the rate recorded in the Bronx, where 11 percent report drinking heavily.

Messages mixed

WA OLYMPIA — The secretary of state's message is being lost in translation.

Washington state residents say the office's Web-based translation software is creating some odd turns of phrase when it takes the English version of information and puts it into Chinese or Korean.

For example, a statement about Secretary of State Sam Reed proposing "statewide mandates to restore public trust" became Swampy weed suggests whole state order recover open trust" in Chinese and "A plant reed proposes national mandate to recover public property trust" in Korean.

A Chinese translation option was removed from the Web site on Jan. 12 and Korean got the heave-ho later without word on whether or when they would be restored.

"It's not a perfect system. It does the best it can," said Matthew Edwards, the agency's webmaster. 'We pulled it because of the complaints. If it's totally confusing, it's worthless."

Alleged activist gunplay

WACO — A longtime Republican Party activist has been indicted on charges of shooting at workers cutting down trees at her Woodway home.

Carolyn Payne Lomax, 63, was indicted on two counts of aggravated assault in a 2004 incident when Asplundh Co. workers were trimming trees around utility lines for utility company Oncor.

Lomay has said no one from the company contacted her before workers "butchered" her trees.

Lomax said the workers appeared to be mocking her in Spanish. After repeated pleas, she said, she went inside and grabbed a

.22-caliber pistol.
"I went back out in the yard and I said, 'I have a gun. Get off of my property. You're trespassing,'" Lomax said. "They laughed, and they continued to cut."

Lomay said she fired two or three shots and called police to report the trespassing. No one was injured.

Prostitution arrests

NEW YORK — A prostitution ring that netted roughly \$30 million over the last decade and operated out of five midtown Manhattan apartments was busted with the arrest of 25 people believed to be involved police said Those arrested included several

female prostitutes, as well as a number of men charged with an as sortment of crimes, said Sgt. Kevin Haves.

The escort service was called Julie's of New York City, Hayes

Elderly woman Tasered

said.

SC ROCK HILL — A police officer used a stun gun on a 75-year-old woman who became distraught when she could not locate a sick friend at a nursing home, according to an internal report

Officer Hattie Jean Macon received a verbal warning and was required to attend a Taser retraining course after the investigation found she acted prematurely when she used the 50.000-volt Taser, according to the report. Macon was called to the nursing

home after Margaret Kimbrell refused to leave. Kimbrell has said she was distraught after the staff would not disclose the location of her sick friend, and she became concerned the friend had died.

Kimbrell was charged with tres passing and resisting arrest. Her lawyer said she may sue the department.

第3種郵便物認可

J Horoscope

Jupiter in Libra (since Sept. 24) has been fabulously lucky for part nerships of all kinds, but that luck takes on a different tone now, as Big Daddy Jupiter stations to prepare for a retrograde transit. Partnerships have more to offer than you thought. A keen awareness will reveal where you should mine for more

relationship gold. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (February 1). This year you will achieve a long-held wish. Some of you will graduate with an advanced degree for which you

worked extremely hard. Others will travel during the spring and summer months to a dream destination October finds you making great progress towards a spiritual path while November resolves a legal issue to your liking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A creative project brings you immense iov and possibly a good deal of money, too! Stand back and admire your own handiwork. Luck is with you if you're looking for love - an encounter with your soul mate is very possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A situation involving a parent is amicably resolved to your satisfaction. This is particularly true of matters pertaining to elderly care. You're in the right place at the right time. Home provides much-needed peace

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're invigorated, charged up and ready to tackle whatever comes your way! People in your neighborhood seem especially attracted to your charisma. Even your most sullen sibling looks favorably upon

vou CANCER (June 22-July 22). Watch for money in your mailbox. A financial situation that's been in the works for weeks - possibly months is likely to wrap up, and your efforts could bear golden fruit. It's best to remain humble and keep

that hungry attitude. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A huge personal breakthrough is on the agenda for you, lucky ligh! This marks the culmination of one phase of your life and the beginning of a whole new and glorious adventure Whatever you do today has major staving power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Something that's been buried in

your subconscious may rise to the

surface and poke you Holiday Mathis between the eyes, forcing you out of your comfort zone. It could be the answer to a question vou've been puzzling over. Pay attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel like partying! Whether vou're the host or the guest, you're sure to benefit from socializing

with friends and likeminded individuals. A trip across town or across the globe brings you insights into a moral dilemma.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A career matter reaches its grand finale bringing with it notential for profit. From this point on, you may be playing in a whole different ball league, one in which you're calling all the shots! A confident Aquarius is favored for love

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a lull in the action. Use this opportunity to search your soul. Re-evaluate your priorities and your values to make sure they're not outdated. Take the time to adjust as necessary

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19). You're in prime position to take advantage of other people's money. Someone with deep pockets could very well offer to fund your pet project. Be sure to buy a lottery ticket or two. You can't win unless you play

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Marriage is in the air. If you're in a committed relationship, your beloved could pop the question or accept your proposal! If single, you could meet vour future spouse. A business partner makes a significant and enticing offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those long hours you've been keeping and the stress you've been under do not a happy body make. Slow down the pace. Take a hot bath. Rest up. An ounce of preven-

tion now will save you from illness Creators Syndicate

Bailey

later

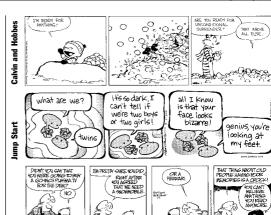
Peanuts























MAN'S BEST

MES...THE MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

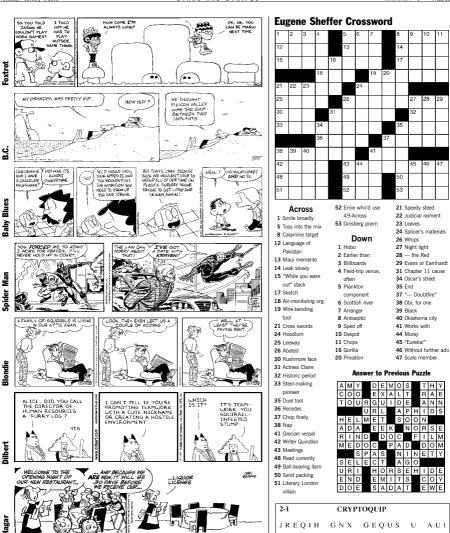
Acestona Dona







Tuesday, February 1, 2005 · STARS AND STRIPES · 第3種郵便物認可 J PAGE 19



I LOVE THIS

BROTHERS

HEY! YOU'RE THE CAT WHO ATE MY BROTHER!

Ć

A U I TPEX TUO G P PARBN BPSPHIX. O OXSSXJ "PJPE

G N XBPREG!" Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUR EMPLOYMENT AGENCY HAS ADOPTED A NEW SLOGAN: "WE PUT PEOPLE IN THEIR PLACES!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

WHAT THE SUR-

GEON TURNED

ANNUAL ROAST.

Now arrange the circled letters to

INTO AT

And it turned

of tite

Dear Readers: Believe it or not, I'm still getting mail regarding the letters I printed about

hospital gowns. Some of them gave me a chuckle, and I thought

I'd share them with you. So pour vourselves a cup of coffee or tea, sit back, and as they say, "Bottoms up!"

Dear Abby: Twenty years ago, I was in the hospital going through a miscarriage, wearing a hospital gown. My room mate was a large woman who complained to the nurse that hers barely covered her. I told them we were wearing designer

gowns My roommate responded that it couldn't be true - hers looked like a regular gown to her. I told

Once she stopping laughing, the nurse said she Dear Abby

thought I'd emotionally and physically survive the miscarriage if I could make a joke at a time like that

Two years later, I became pregnant with my son, who's a high school senior this year. Even if you can't print this, I thought you would get a laugh from

Von Can Laugh

or You Can Cry Dear You: I did — and I want vou to know I admire your strength in the face of adversity.

Dear Abby: Your column about hospital gowns reminded me of an item that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet years ago

"Did you know that hospital gowns come in three sizes? Short.

shorter, and don't bend over!" - A. Beversdorf. Milwaukee

Dear A.: No, but that sounds like good advice to me.

Dear Abby: After reading the letters about hospital gowns, I wondered if your readers know that the first hospital gown was designed by a man named Seymour Heiny

- R. McA., Johnstown, PA. Dear R : A true visionary

Letters for this column – with your name and phone number – should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

one letter to each square to form four ordinary words RACHI

> All Rights Reserve: TELLU

RUFLYR

YUIRPT

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

AGLOW GLADE AMAZON DONKEY Answer What he ended up with when he ate all the doughnuts --- A "GLAZED" LOOK

Family Circus



"At what point does the new year aet old?"

Trouble with long-distance wife

Dear Annie: I am 65 years old and in a rather unusual position. My wife, "Lisa," works at an office three hours away. Lisa rented an apartment near her office and began to commute home on the weekends. That was eight years ago. Things reached the point where Lisa comes home only for holidays Annie's Mailbox

or social engagements. When she does come home, it ushers in a whole new load of issues. Lisa is in a high-ranking position at work and used to having control over everyone. She tells me what to eat and what to fix around the house. The worst is how she treats our housekeeper. Lisa makes a list of all the

dirty spots the housekeeper has ean the next time she comes. It's become so intolerable that we have shouting matches in front of our grandchildren.

Should I just make our separa-tion legal? Is therapy in order here? - Fed Up in the Southeast Dear Fed Up: We would never

eschew therapy, although it would be best if it included Lisa Chances are, your wife is asserting her authority with such belligerence because she feels guilty

and is trying to make up for her absence, Also, she fears losing her position in the family and wants to make sure you remem

Instead of shouting, try calmly explaining to Lisa why her take charge attitude is causing a problem. You also might ask her

to re-evaluate the importance of her job versus your marriage. Sounds like one of them is going

Dear Annie: I'm

writing in response to "Not Only a Boys' Team Anymore," whose daugh-ter, "Lanie," is the only girl on her baseball

When I was 8 years old, I also played on a boys' baseball team, and at first, everyone was weird about me being the only girl. But after I showed them that their remarks didn't bother me and only made me want to be better, they were on my side.

Thanks to all that, I started playing girls' fast-pitch softball in middle school, then varsity fast pitch in high school. I just finished my first year of collegiate softball. To Lanie, I say, don't let their remarks burn you up. Be strong, and show the boys that baseball isn't just a boys' sport anymore. Best of luck.

— Arizona Softball Dear Arizona: Good for you. Your words of encouragement will inspire Lanie and all girls in her position Here's one more

Dear Annie: I was a Little League coach and I, too, had a girl on my team and a boy who was a bully, with a father to match. Every time the bully would say hurtful things, I would make him apologize and then run laps. His father didn't like this and had words with me. I informed Dad that there is no in "team," and if he did not like my discipline, he could take his son home and not come back.

I also told the father that if he continued to give his two cents to my players, I would remove his son from the team and have him banned from the league. We had no more problems from the father after that, and his son was in tip-top shape from all the laps he ran.

- Coach in Corona, Calif.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Sym Century Blvd., Sulfer 70, Los Angeles, CA 9045.





AIMING AT MARGARET





Puucuut the casaaaat ouuuuuuuuut. .. the capacat current



STRIPES CLASSIFIED



Selling your couch, your car or your Stephen King collection?

Sell it FREE in Stripes classified

Phone

Installation

Up to 32 words FREE fo 21 days!

Submit counce for Stars and Stripes. Classified Ad Dent. Link 45002. APD AP 98337-5002 Fax DSN 229-3214. CMI 03-3423-4957. F-Mail classified signatures and mil-

Free Ad Guidelines:

Free ads are available to DOI ID card holders only.

All free adds mad be malled, fased or e-malled. You may renew or make change to your add by colling 202-2025.

Frise adds not for 27 days and on a space available beats only.

Fleese spell out each word. No abbreviations.

	Item prices must be listed.
	Free ads are available for private parties
	cety. For information on commercial or
	in home business ads, please call 229 3276.
	Stars and Stripes reserves the right to
г	re-classify rewrite or reject any ad

Reach usi

Phone us at: 03-3404-9447 (Commercial) 011-81-3-3404-9447 (Overseas) 229-3276 (Tokyo DSN) 645-7667 (Okinawa DSN) 721-7146 (Korea DSN)

040

vary depending on the size of your ad and the frequency of insertion. Please contact us for details! Fax us at: 03-3423-8257 (Tokyo CML) 229-3214 (Tokyo DSN) 02-2270-7141 (Korea CML) 721-7141 (Korea DSN) 645-7667 (Okinawa DSN)

Stars and Stripes offers the most effective and affordable way to reach the military community overseas. Ad

Mail us at: Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002 7-23-17 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032 Japan Email us at: classifiade@netrings and mil

Deadline to place, cancel, or make any change to an ad is five(5) business days prior to publishing date. If the beaume to plaze, cather, or linear airly rain agree at an as invest) obtaines suays prior to obtaining scales if and as a has a phographical error. Pacific Stars and Shipes (lability is to re-run the art for one [1] additional day on the next available issue date. Any other problem with advertising must be fled in writing no later than ten [10] days after the first insertion of the ad. Ads cannot be run upside down or sideways.

All Classified Advertisements Are Non-refundable

Build Your Business for As Little As \$21 a week!

Classified advertising is accepted from DoD personnel (private party ad Classified advertisements) and all classified advertising is a deception in 1000 personner inhibitate party air unassined advertisements and air organizations which provide a service of interests to the military community (business advertisements). All ads are assessed before acceptance according to the moral and ethical judgment of Pacific Stars and Stripes. Classified advertisements: must be acceptable for our general military/family readership, Pacific Stars and Stripes has the right to WASA THE CO.





152

Appliances 025

Name Address

Your ad

ister - I wish to sell an electric immore washer and dryer od working condition. Just no om for them. Asking \$200 or POC is Jennifer or Jason at 6-2235

646-223b.

Foster, Okinawa - Blue I JO's massage chair for sale - Sells for \$580 at the furniture store Got PCS orders and need to sell. Only had for 3 monthly store. Got PCS orders and need to sell. Only had for 3 monthly Looks brand new \$480 OBO. Call lan or Amy 646-2001 or omail larereves@hotmail.com Foster, Okinawa - Crock-pot slow cooker. Used twice, 6 1/2 quart pot, lid ties and case for carrying too big for me. Call or email Sarah. 646-2114 / s/21serrano@msn.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Dehumidifier GE 25 pint, relatively new, I have not used since I pur-chased, but bought it from someone else who bought it new. \$80 OBO call 633-6757 or

Kadena, Okinawa - National 3-door Refrigerator/Freezer with Vogetable Drawer Light Gray marble, 70'x24' Great shape, lots of room & ideal for off-base apartments. Available in 24 weeks: Pald \$400, PCS sale \$250. Call 893-7703 or papachinico@yahoo.com kadena, Okinawa - Sanyo 7.0 kg washing machine with stain lee steel agitator. Touch control buttons, excellent condition, paid \$450 PCS sale \$300. Call 893-7703 or papachinko@crux. ocn.ne.io

con.ne.jp
Kadena, Okinawa - Toastmaster
Convection Oven/Broiler, 450
degree, 22"x12"x13" great for
off-base apartments, can fit
large baking dish for cakes,
pizza, and lasagna. PCS sale
\$50 Call 893-7703 or papachinko@yahoo.com

tings, remote control. Purchased 4 months ago with 5year warranty for \$780 PCS sale for \$650. Call 893-7703 or papachinko@yahoo.com

Atsugi - 1989 Nissan 300ZX: MP3 CD player, JCI until June 2006. \$2.500 OBO Call 227-2286 Atsugi - 1992 Honda Virgo: Automatic, CD player, and JCI until March. \$500.00 OBO. Call 227-7948.

Announcements

We met at the Globe & Anchor the night of October 25, 2002 I was with my friends from Tokyo. I let voy lost my e-mail address and I will never hear from you again but just in case you've been looking for me....here I am.

Thanks again for the fun evening and the cub ride back to my room Times Olivia

C'mon Get Happy!

Get your Happy Ad in Stripes today! Want to hook up with an old friend? Send your girlfriend a birthday greeting? Or congratulate your friend on a recent promotion? Whatever the occasion, book your Happy Ad today in Stars and Stripes!

Check out the details:

 Email your greeting and digital photo to classifieds 8 pstripes.osd.miL 2. Stars and Stripes reserves the right to edit or reject any Happy Ad.



STARS STRIPES

Autos for Sale

Kunsan - 1990 BMW 320i 2 Door Coupe, 6 cylinder, auto-matic, P/8, P/B, A/C, low miles (69,000), M-Technic spoiler package, excellent condition. Will email pics. \$4,000 OBO. Call Mike at DSN 782-5915 or Cell 011-9057-5550.

Osan - 1996 White Kia Credos With four wheel ABS, Dual Air Bags, Tinted windows, Air Con-ditioning, Good tires and com-plete seat covers. Not a hoopidelt \$1,600.00 DBO as of 20 Feb 05. Available 21 Febru-

hoopdel! \$1,600.00 OBO as or 20 Feb 05. Available 21 Febru-ary 2005 after being replaced by a new Volvo. Call Eric & 010-9698-3946 for more infor-

Osan - 1998 Daewoo Matiz, 4-Door, 5-speed Standard, AC, Power windows and locks, AM/FM and CD Player. Well kept, runs great. Blue book over \$1400; asking \$1200, OBO. PCSing to CONUS. Home - 031 667-6852, Cell - 011 1713

TOKYO HEADQUARTERS:

- Korea

Email classifieds@pstripes.osd.mil or call DSN 229-3276

Announcements 040 Autos for Sale - Japan

Save Money Meet New Friends Discounts Sales • Coupons 600+

Pre-screened merchants Local Reviews | Free Classi Ads | Overseas Informatio exchant Rating System | Mo toto Contest | Member For 00+ Links | Zip Code Deland

Autos for Sale - Japan

146

John D. Panasiewicz

146 Atsugi - 1992 Toyota Aristo: V-6 twin turbo. sunroof. and all power, 12inches sub with ampli-lier. Asking \$5,000 OBO. Call 254-6189. 254-6189. Atsugi - 1993 Nissan Primera: 4-door, manual, JCI until Feb. 2006, \$2,200 OBO. Call 227-2218.

H. Bryant Pierpont Advertising Manager

Atsugi- Green 1996 Honda CRV: In excellent condition, JCI until Feb. 06. Asking 6K / OBO. Call Pat Bernal at 264-4208(W) or 264-6897(H). Available 29 January.

Iwakuni - 1996 NISSAN SYLVIA O's Automatic, Extra Clean, New Tires \$2700 or Best Offer 253-3670 or tomamh@iwakuni.

Misawa - 1998 Land Rover Discovery VBI, \$12,000. Olive Green, 55,000 kilometers, trihed windows, leather, dual airbags, antitiock braking system, keykras entry, two sunroots, roof rack, front bar with auxiliary lights, and much more. Confact Jo. Siddali at 226-6130/222-9905 or email siddali dress attmin. Jos or email siddali dress attmin.

Misawa - 98 Subaru Legacy wagon, JCl June 2005, excellent condition, 4WD, all-season tires, CD/MD player \$3000 OBO. Call 52-2702 Yokosuka - 1968 Chevy Caman SS, 350, Auto, 4.11 Cranberr with Silver Stripes, superb interi or, great stereo. 19K randymaxev@ hotmail.com

David Comstock

Autos for Sale - Japan

Yokosuka - 1993 Nissan Gioria many aftermarket parts and audio system included, power everything, great condition, well maintained, includes original rims with new tres. Asking \$2,500, call Frankie at 242-4651or 080-5427-5799.

Yokota-95 Honda Prelude. sil-ver, 17 inch rims, radio CD player, power windows/locks, remote key entry and JCI Apr.06. Asking \$1600. Call Eric & Janet 227-9165.

Autos for Sale - Korea

2x4, fully loaded, 10 miles. Like new con sal at \$16,000.00. Co

CIRCULATION OFFICES

Pusan - 2001 Mustang Cobra SVT. Black, 5-speed, 35K Miles, 4.6L DOHC, Grey leather, 6-disc CD in-dash, \$22k. E-mail: mike.vanwolput@dcma.mil (pic-tures available) or 010-8671-6616. Humphreys - 1996 Jeep GC, 112K HWY Miles, green, excel-lent condition, \$7500 OBO. DSN 753-6878, 018-963-7922. For info. sheet & photo, stephenincoin@hotmail.com

148

Autos for Sale - Korea

Osan - For Sale 93 Toyota Exiv TR-X Sport Edition, 2.3 Lifer, 4 cylinder engine, Marron W Gray Cloth Interior, Right-Side Steer-ing Wheel, Auto, Transmission, AC, Power Windows, Power AC, Power Windows, Power ble Side Mirors, Spolet Seven-Spoke Sport Rims & Low-Profile Mud Flaps, etc. asking \$2400 OBO, Call Kris-tyne of Felix at 0505-122-2307 (Osan AB) or email toke sell-meticion il infore-tioned in the company of the c

Yongsan - 2002 Ford F150 XLT Longbed Pick-up truck. 4X4, FX4 Otfroad package, Camper shell, Dark Blue Metallic, 37K miles, 54 liter V-8, Auto, loaded, runs & dives great. 522K. 0 1 0 - 4 7 2 3 - 2 1 5 7, my69superbee @ hormall.com

Autos for Sale

152 - Okinawa tler - FOR SALES! 1989 vine GTS-T \$800.00 JCI due Mar 05. If interested call Ryan at 090-5946-6569 or e-mail lav-

Courtney - 1994 Nissan Largo Grandage Van: Front and rear A/C, front and rear parking sensors, JCI until Nov. 2005. Available Now! Call 622-6826 for information. urtney - I have a champagne or Windom with a body kit.

color Windom with a body kit, CD player, 2 12-linch subs and amp. 97.000 km. Asking \$4000 OBO. Contact Jessica at (H) 622-6180 or (W) 634-2064. Courtney or Hansen - 1992 Toyota Crown: Automatic, all Toyota Crown: Automatic, at power, in very good condition Cold A/C, CD and 1 yr of JCI Runs great. Asking \$2500.00 Call Jun (Day) 623-7310 (Night 622-8560. Email me for pictures

at juneb71@hotmail.co Presea. Good condition. JCI good thru Sept '05. \$1,200 obo. Call (hm) 622-8474 or (wk) 625-2733.

Foster - 1991 Nissan Gloria GT Turbo: CD player, cold A/C, tinted windows, ground effects kt, and 16° racing rims. Power seats.140k. 2 years brand new JCI. Asking 82,500.00. Call 645-4865 or view http://www. c a r d o m a i n com/memberpage/690020

Foster - 1992 Honda Inspire, Cold AIC; radio/cassette. JCI good til NOV 2005. Asking \$ 2 5 0 0 e - m a i l : deeannajames@hotmail.com Foster - 1992 Toyota MR2, JCI 10/06, cold a/c, red, 12 disc CD

player. Excellent condition \$3200 call 646-8765 Lv. Mes-

OKINAWA:

Autos for Sale

- Okinawa

Foster - 1992 Toyota Surf, JCI Jul 05 -Great looking 4WD, new 32* tires, maroon and chrome wheels, Pioneer CD player w/remote, EQ, 10-Disc changer, set of JCI wheels and tires, new tint, full chrome brush guard. Non-smoker. Call Brian at 646-5501 \$4100 OBO

Foster - 1993 Toyota Mark II.
Cold AIC, Power everything,
Kerwood CD player. Asking
\$1,800.00. Call 645-4855 or
email me at owusukd/thoisto.
med.naty.mil you can see this
car at http://www.cardomain.

Committee upon the control of the co

Foster - 1995 Toyota Exiv - 5 speed manual trans. Cold A/C, full body kit, after market exhaust, 19-linch rims, finted windows, very fast. JCl due Feb 2007. Asking \$2500.00. Call 645-4865, or email me at owusukd 96 oki 10.med.navy.mil for pictures.

res proxiettis.

Foster - 1997 Mark II Wagon.

JCI Sep 2006. New tires, T.V.,

GPS Navigation, CD. Power
everything. Beautiful car. Great
for that large family on a 3-year
tour \$5.500. Call Tim at
645-8022 Day. 936-9575 Evenion.

ing.

Foster - 91 Toyota Estima - 7

Foster - 91 Toyota Estima - 7

Passenger van gold colered,
working NC and heat, to done
Might - 05 sening to only
\$1500.00 or obo call 646-4366
or email question's or comments
to loadored@yahoo.com

Foster - 95 Honda Civic Hatch-back - Blue. Very clean, rurs-great, cold A/C, 2-door auto-matic, power flowing & win-out of the cold of the cold of the JCI due December 2008II Ask-ling \$2,500. CBO. Call 646-4374 or e-mail subygem@yathoo.com

Foster - Nissan Laurel Medalist: 2 year JCI (Jan 07), 6 Cylinder, Automatic, CD player, Cold AC, beige, 4 doors, power windows, lociss, mirroes, good tires, \$1,300. OBO. Available now call David at 646-6289 or email durzeh 6 Goasis mediatti.net pic-tures available. Foster, Okinawa - 1993 Metallic Gold Toyota Mark II. Cold A/C, Kerwood CD Player, Power everything, Tinted windows. Asking \$5,000 with 2 years JCI. Call 645-4865.

Foster - PCS Sale!! MITSUBISHI PAJERO E

MTSUBISHI PAJERO blue/sil-ver, 4WD, New Tires, New valve covers/seals, Roof Rack, Brush Guard wheadlights, Must See! JCI April 2006 \$3000 OBO Call Matt Johnson 646-2119 or 090-8294-1268

Autos for Sale - Okinawa

Futenma - 4Sale 92-Green Toyota-Windom, JCI 14 Sep 2005. Superb-Cond ACN-least Oil-Changed, New-Timing-Belt 6Cyl-295HP, Ain-Bag, Speed Controls, Inside-Air-Fitter, Cal Nelson 636-3018/3618W

romannf@1maw.usmc.mil. \$3,995 obo. Futenma - 4Sale. 93-Blue-Toyota-Surf, JCI 22 Jan 2007. Superb-Cond AC/Heat, Oli-Changed, Surroof, New-Timing-Belt, 2Battey-System. Call Nelson 636-3018/3618W 6 4 6 - 4 5 8 8 H, e mailzomannf@1maw.usmc.mil \$4,995 obo.

Kadena - 1989 Toyota To Ace Van very good condit with AC, JCI valid until June \$400. Must sell. PCS'ing in weeks. Call 633-1757.

Kadena - 1991 Toyota Windom 3.0 (Lexus ES300). Belge JCI due 26 May 2005. Cold AC, power everything, new breaks and tires, CD/MP3 player. S2499 or OBO. Call 633-8133, 0801-724-4269, or email

Kiff of LLE 000Audomanic Blue exterior, Gray interior, 22-000. Brills Office of 10 000 per of 10 0

talbasy100 eryathos.com
Kadena - 1992 Nissan Skyline
GTS: 5speed manual trans, no
after market parts, very colo
A/C, great gas mileage, Carl is in
great shape \$2000 OBO. Contact Jason at 633-9776. Please
leave message if no answer.

Kadena - 1992 Toyota Levin fo

PCSing. Call 090-1948-1563 or e-mail: sumi33_k@hotmail.com with any questions. Kadena - 1992 Toyota Lucida. P/W and locks, cold A/C from and back, rims with stock tires great family car, Good condition. JCI due Cet 05, asking 3500 O.B.O. Call Shannon 632-3869.

Kadena - 92 Mitsubishi Pajero 2doors, 4x4, loaded \$4000 obc call Kelly @ 633-0536.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING: marketing@pstripes.osd.mil DSN: 229-3149; CML (03) 3404-4681 CML: (03) 3403-4905

7-23-17 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032 Japan

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: DSN: 229-3171 CNL: (03) 3401-8929 DSN: 229-3174 CML: (03) 3423-0326 DSN: 645-2010 CML: (098) 893-0292 DSN FAX: 229-3132 General Manager 3131 Your Hometown Newspape FAX DSN: 645-7297 KORFA-CML: (098)892-0995 STARS STRIPES. Yokota/Atsugi/Zama DSN: 225-4505/6/7 Yokohama/Yokosuka DSN: 243-4771 Misawa DSN: 226-3406 Yongsan DSN: 721-7140 Osan DSN: 784-4393 Lt Col Dan Todd, USAF GUAM: CML: (671) 632-1003 www.stripes.com Commander Taegu DSN: 768-7461 Pusan DSN: 763-3787 Sasebo DSN: 252-3890 Unit 45002, APO AP 96337-5002

STRIPES CLASSIFIED

Autos for Sale - Okinawa 152 - Okinawa Kadena - 1995 Nissan Prairie Joy. Cold A/C, Power locks and windows, and runs great! JCI due AUG 2006. Call 633-1599. Kadena, Okinawa - 1994 Acura legend, Black beauty, like new condition, loaded, A/C, CD, cold air, new tires, PCS'ing in April, looking for buyer now, \$3200, 633 - 2446 or email twistedspoke1@yahoo.com Kadena - 1995 Silver Honda Domani: Low mikaage - 68,770 km, JCl due May 06, CD player, power windows. Excellent car never had a problem with it! Would take it back to the states with us if we could! \$2,400 OBO. Call 633-4267. Kadena, Okinawa - 95 Toyota Oynos - Silver, Cold A/C, new front brake pads, rotated tires, and regular oil changes. Less than 75,000 Km. JCl good until 0CT 05. \$1,200,00. E-mail shin. steven@kadena.af.mil or cell 090-6862-4023. Kadena - 1996 Toyota Cynos: Silver, 2-doors, Runs and looks great. Cold AIC. Power Locks and Windows. CD Player inclu-ded. Recently PCS'd and will sell for just \$2000. Need pic-tures? Email me at jacinta983/ehotmail.com or call Lee at 934-1443.

Lee at 934-1443.

Kadena 92 Pajero, JCI May
66, 4 door, 4WD, goldigreen, 7
passenger, leather, A/C, power
windows, sun root, heated
seats, CD/stereo, engine sup-port/grill, non-smoker, \$5000
633-1509 or we3cows@casis.
mediath.net

mediatri.net
Kadena 92 RX7 - JCI Dec
2005, never raced or moded,
auto, turbo timer & remote start,
tinted windows, new Pioneer
CDIMP3 player, moon-root, cold
AC. \$5700 633-5153 or
090-6885-7488.

NOV 05. Asking keyless entry, etc. \$3500 OBC Call 633-6752 or PLS call 633-6519 or Fmail

Kadena - 94 Celica, Red, 5 speed, alpine CD, very nice car, freezing AC, good tires, JCI due in Feb. \$1700. Will also trade for Suzuki works with good JCI call 633-3766. Kadena - Selling 1994 Toyota Exiv, White extenor-beige Intent-ri, Automatic trans, power locks and power windows, c.d. player. John Charles over JCII Asking \$2000.00 call \$3.3601 or e m a i i : a d a m mcconnaughy@kadena.at.mil

Kadena - PCS Sale! 1996 Toyota Exiv: green automatic 4door sedan with power (tinted) windows and locks. New battery and tires, 10disc changer & mini TV, front & rear window wipers,

Special words will good JCI call

Schools S. Birker M. Good S. Call

S. Call Control Control

mocs.org of wociskra emicobu-tier.usmc. mill

Kinser - 1990 Toyota Town Acc
van, JCI expires in May 05, Nice
interior, rear Capt chairs, moon
8 sun root, am/fm/stereo, runs
well and in good condition, only
8 850,00 please call
637-1384/090 9789 9098. hite, 4-door, automatic, power ndow and lock with remote, ither seats, cold AIC, 73,000 ft, JCI until June 2006. cond owner. \$3,500 OBO. allable Immediate. Call Kinser-1990 Toyota 4wd Master Ace Surf. JCI Jan 2007. Clean-Reliable, CD-Tinted windows-PWR everything- \$2,500 OBO. Please call Joel 090-9784-8337 636-3966. Available Immediate. Call 533-0500 or 090-9784-8234. Kadena - CUTE CARI! 1993 Subaru Domingo (smail, Japanese-shje vanj, Low mile-age: 80k km, JCI due Dec. '05, cold ACI Van sits 7 people but also fits in very smail parking spaces perfect for driving in town! 32,100 OBO call

Kinser-1991 Toyaota Master Ace Surf. JCI Apr 2005. Clean Reliable, PWR everything \$1,500 OBO. Please call Joel \$1,500 OBC. Please call Joel 999-9784-8337 636-3966. Kinser - 1991 Toyota Surf, Gas, 4 doors, AMFMCD player, excellent condition, well min-tained, low miles only 52,000 K (30,000 US miles), Orly one owner, includes 2 year JCI-Jan 77, must see to belleve Only \$3,600.00 call 637-1384 or 990 9789 9ляе. Accord car in good condition but JCI is due Jan 30, 2005 call singh at 633-4376 or 634-2477. Kadena - MUST SELLI 1992 300ZX Fairlady: \$3,700. OBO. Must see vehicle to appreciate! 9789 9098. Must see vehicle to appreciate!! Excellent vehicle!! Call Sqt. Ramos at 634-4278 or 637-3499

9789 9098.

Kinser - 1993 Pajero - 4 doors,
4w drive fully loaded. Electric
sunroof AMFM/CD player tow
htch J.C. Apr 66 askin
\$5,500.00 OBO this will be
available 15 June when 1PC
Truck is white and seats 7. Call
637-2978 or E-mail wolcikrai@mcbbutter.usmc.mil Kinser - 1994 Toyota RAV4, Kinser - 1994 Toyota RAV4, Tinted windows, excellent condi-tion, Am/FMCD player with CD changer, family owned, sporty rims and tinted windows, JCI expires in Dec 05, ready for immediate sale only 8, 3,800.00 OBO 637-1384/090 9789 9098.

OBO 637-1384/090 9789 9096.
Kinser 1986 Cynos, Low miles, excellent condition, Am/FM/CD Player, JCI Jan 2007, Clean interior and ready for immediate also. Call 637-1584 or 1998 1998 for more information.
Kinser - 1986 Toyota, Celica, BlueBlack, Excellent condition, Jan 2007, Tinted window, sportly, ready for sale, 637-1384 or 909 9789 9098. interested.

Kadena - MUST SELL! 91
Toyota Celica: CD player with

butler.usmc.mil

Kadena - MUST SELLII 1993
Toyota Hilux Surf V6 4x4, less
than 5k on rebuilt engine,
excellent shape, CD player, plus
4 extra wheelstrires JCl good
until Mar 06 \$4500 OBO

until Mar 96 84500 GBO 090-3794-0638 or 633-0818. Kadena - MUST SELI 1995 Red Toyota Curren - In great shape, Power lock, windows, CD Player, Great AC, 2Cl good If August OF Having baby and need a four door. Bought car in Cebber for \$4,000 asking of \$4,000 asking Maura Ogden @ kadenal.anii if interneted

Autos for Sale Autos for Sale - Okinawa

Okinawa 1995 Toyota Rav4:
4WD sporty looking car, Green,
Automatic. Power everything,
AMFM/Cassette/CD player,
A/C, Rear window wiper, Good
gas mikage and runs great, JG/
dao August 2005. \$3000 OBO.
For more info please call
622-8160 or email to;mnew@mail.goc.ne.jp

152

mategoring | mateg Kadena - PCS Salel 1995 Toyota Corona ED, Owned by non-smoker, 4 new tree, sortio cold AC, Great reliable car for family or single person JCI good until Mar 06 \$3,000 OBO call 090-3794-0555 or 633-0818.

Autos Wanted 155

Conservation of the Conserva

Motorcyles - Japan 166

March 200 departs 100 months of the Control Co

Zama, Japan - Harley Sportster: Blue, 1200 XLH, 4,200 miles, floward controls, and engine guard (tested) \$5,000. Call 2 63 - 84.24 or e - mail Jmann50@hotmalLoom

Caroll - 1995 Harley FLHTP low

Atsugi, Japan - Baby Items -Boppy pillow, \$5; gris winter cloths, 18-24 months, \$2-50; Winnie the Pools crib bedding with accessories, \$30; infant snowsuit, \$5; infant toys, \$50-\$3. Call 227-9057. Caroll - 1995 Harley FLHTP low miles HRS 42 Carb, Vance and Hines Pro Pipe, Andrews EV 27 cam, new tires \$10.000 Contact Mr. White at 017-534-8589 or whiter@korea.army.mil Atsagi/Zama - COMBI Stroller ('Savvy') Travel stroller folds with shoulder strap for east carrying. 11 bs. When open, full size stroller, cup holders, huge canopy, underseat storage com-partment. \$40. Marion 264-6578

Motorcyles - Okinawa

Comment

To Section - 1907 Versions, VLR - 500

Sheet - 1908 VLR - 1908 Versions, VLR - 1908

Sheet - 1908 VLR -

Motorcyles Baby Items - Okinawa

Foster, Okinawa - Jogging Strol ler in great shape. No rust, wel taken cared never left outside \$65. Call Michelle at 646-4725. Futerima - 2000 HÖNDA CB400
V-TECH/Blue Low Milesper
Like New Includes Amount
Jacket, Gloves, and
Jacket, Gloves, and
and a very well balanced Double
ride/ Available for purchase in
Okinawa Only. Price: \$3500
Firm. For a Picture or a test ride
0500-0787-4418 or e-mail
ventura@rapid-linkne.jp
Xadena (Xikapsa, 1996-GSX-R

185. Call Microline as 664-4725.
Total Children Microline American Service American Service

Kadena, Okinawa - Crib and dresser in one, \$200, email myerscs59hotmail.com for a pic-ture or call 633-8218. Kadena, Okinawa - Double Kadena, Okinawa - Double stroller blue and white \$40, single stroller black and white \$30. Call 633-5647 or email ajacks83@yahoo.com for pic-

Kadena, Okinawa - Fisher Price Baby Cradie Swing, 3-speed, battery operated, swings sidel-side or frontback, comes with a toy bar, in excellent condition, \$30.00 call 633-3055 if Interes-ted. Kadena, Okinawa - Step two battery race care \$75.00, out side climbing cube \$25.00, child stroller \$45.00. Call for ques-tions at \$33-2160 or email at marcum2@twon.com ask for Mr.

marcum2 @won.com ask for Mr.
Marcum.
Kadena, Okinawa - Vibrating bassinet from Target, \$20; fisher price bounce seat, \$15; car seat/stroller, \$20; denim teddy bear crib sot, never used!! have everything extra sheets, lamp, willies, rightlight, fleece blanket, homemade curtain \$75 All need seal!! Call \$623.0313.

willies, rightlight, fleece blanket, to golff call 625-0313. The golff call 625-0313 and to golff call 625-0313 and call

Foster - 2 16 inch and 2 15 inch tires with rims. good tires for d r i f t i n g . E m a i I jenj1984@hotmail.com

Okinawa - '91 Surf, engine parts (everything except block), exteri or and interior parts available call for prices 637-4420

Kadena - 26" Mens/boys Moun-tain Bike, New, bought in States, never used \$100.00 OBO. Joe tain Bike, New bought in States, never used \$100.00 OBO. Joe 633-9232 KINSER - Male bicycle, new with fags. The color is dark blue with different sectings. Slightly \$100 call #857-4591 or email at JKCCKC@oasis.mediatili.net MCCXC @ oasis medialinet
Minez (kinawa > 2003 Tek
Liquid 30 Mountain bixe. Full
suspension, XTRFOX SHOX
GBOIII Must see this bixe is a
weecome Email for jettures;
goesgles @ konnect.net or
Green, Glessan - Trek Liquid
30 Mountain Bixe - Full suspension, XTRFOX SHOX MSWP
\$3000 Selling to \$1450 DSOIIII
Email for pictures;
goesgles @ konnect.net or
\$157.2753.

Kinser, Okinawa - 15 1/2 feet Grey Zodiac (rubber boat) 25hp motor. 5 pieces metal deck, fili hose with dive tank adapter, and dive tank for filing. Asking \$1000.00 OBO Call 637-2978 or

Atsugi, Japan - College Books: Central Texas College online English 1301, good condition, \$90; and Math 1314, \$60. Call 227-8934

\$90; and Math 1314, \$50. Las 227-8934
Countrey, Okinawa - CTC Psychology, Carole Wade, Carol Tavris, seventh edition, brad new, no markings, \$55.00 lfm. CTC Marriages and Families, Mary Ann Lamanna, Agen Biodmann, eighth edition, brand new, no markings, \$70.00 lfm. E m a 10 lfm.

Foster, Okinawa - My First Leap Pad books & cartridges, new in package, Tad's Silly Number Farm, Leap to the Moon, Once Upon a Rhyme, \$25 for all 3 or \$10 e a.ch. 646-2643 buckson @oasis.mediatti.net

Book Stores 250

200

Kadena, Okinawa - UMUC books for Psych 100- orig. \$60 sell for \$40 and Psych 221- orig. \$103 will sell for \$60, \$90 for both O.B.O both excellent condi-tion & new editions. Call 633-4031 or email silverystargaze 1989 yaboo.com need to sell in 1 week. So make

Kadena, Okinawa - Phone for Sale: Prepaid camera phone, white. Paid \$150.00 for it a month ago, will sell for \$100.00 English Display. Contact 6 3 3 - 1 2 2 7 or jtwysong@yahoo.com

Foster, Okinawa - LARGE Box of maternity clothes: shirts, shorts, pants, and caprice, also some pregnancy books. Sizes L-XL. First \$40 takes it all!! Email cdorton@oasis.mediatri. net or call Tracy 646-5772.

Foster, Okinawa - Men's short sleeve shirts ranging from I-vi Polo, Chaps, Calvin Klein, and Gap. Shirts consist of many different styles. E-mail for pic-tures bowlin1@konnect.net Cal Jennifer @ 646-3977. There are about 10-12 shirts total. \$60.

shoot 10-12 shifts total \$600.

Februar Chiessas Selling a bag drawn of the shift of like februar Chiessas 7 Torbhas of like free boys clothes and 4,15,46 w widescreen. Chiessas 10-16 monorite to size 8, 1500 attest and 1,15,46 w widescreen. Chiessas are 1 to monorite to size 8, 1500 attest and 1,15,46 w widescreen. Chiessas are 1 to monorite to size 8, 1500 attest and 1,15,46 w widescreen. Chiessas 1,15,46 w widescreen. Chiessas

Kadena, Okinawa - 2 Full bags of women's clothes all name brand, gap, j crew, Tommy limited express DKNY, tank tops, dress shirts, dresses skirts everything you need great for flea market, 50 bucks or best offer contact 632-3118 or email leanamendoza@hotmail.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Junior cloth-ing. Bottoms size 0/1 tops small/medium. Many name brands. Call 633-1029 or email fire03@oasis.mediatti.net

Kadena, Okinawa - Ralph Lau-ren ladies sandals - Black, size 9 1/2. Brand new, still in box. Asking \$90. Pictures available. Email Diane at dianesdesigns_ inc@yahoo.com or call 633-6734.

Kadena, Okinawa - Two pair of old navy jeans brand new never worn, size 20. \$20 each email samanthadockery1@yahoo.com or call 633-5468

Sagamihara, Japan - Battle Dress Uniform medium size coats and X-large size trousers for summer and winter \$10 a set or \$5 per piace. Call 267-6290 or e-mail emmett.wayne@us. army.mil

Foster - Have a collection of Okinawan stamps and paper money when the revision of Military control to Okinawans took place. Call 645-3107 if interested in the collection.

Computers



360

Foster, Okinawa - Looking for an ATI All-in-wonder Video Card, Older model Okay, PCI or AGP port, Call Nealson at 64 6-69 75 or email nealson@gmail.com

Lester, Okinawa - UMUC Hu-man Resource Management (300) BOOK for sale (10th edition). Brand new book never used. Paid \$100 will sell for \$70 OBO. Make me an OFFER! POC: Smitty 643-7297% 35.1 (W) or email smithsm@oki10.med.navy.mil

Clothing

Furniture Atsugi, Japan - Desk and dresser set, lots of storage space, \$100 OBO. Call 227-8934 Atsugi, Japan - Fire Truck toddler bed, \$80; yellow car toddler bed, \$60; 9-table set, \$50; patio table and six chairs, \$40. Call 227-7948.

Courtey-Okinawa - Queen size bed, includes head board, foot board, box springs and mat-tresses. Asking \$175.00. Call 622-8330.

tsacs-street
Kadena, Okinawa - Beaufful
Asian Handwood king size bed &
nightstand with marable top & 3.0
Gondison - Paid Sc100 Sell
S18000bc call Sehn 633-4006 or abd 8adventurethomason.com
Kadena, Okinawa - Black & Tan
nightstands S20 and size SEHTA Queen Szez pillow top bed
shelfmill@yathoo.com for picture.

Furniture 510

360

To compare the state of the sta answer ask for Noemi.
Kadena, Olinawa - Piet
1/Tommy Bahamas Style Console Table. Brand New, Never
Used. Made from recycled antique wood. Lots of storage
space. Asking \$400. If interested, can email pictures. Please
contact okifarrow @yahoo.com sole Table. Brand Ner. Nove confidence of the control of the contr

report returning 148 yahoo.com
products or call 65-1177.

Kadens, Okrama - Deor ExSouth Call See South Call S

at 637-3499. Must see to appreciate!

Zama - Sectional couch for sale as is. Brown fabric with remova-ble back pillows that have a leaf pattern on them. In very good condition, no stales or holes or rips in fabric. \$300 Contact Kate \$257-647.

560 Household Items

510

Foster, Okinawa - 15' x 12' Berber Carpet - Mutti Gray colored. Moving, don't need. Excellent condition. Very Clean. Paid \$150 at furniture store. Will sell for \$75. Call 646-6292. Foster, Okinawa - 4 pieces Dora bedding set (fits twin bed). Pillow case, sheet set and comforter. About 7 months old, in great condition, not faded \$40.00 Call 646-2010 or email andrews 80 casts.mediatti.net

Doard. Dos springs and make Sec2-2530.

Footer - Doa's skiply siyle day Feature - Doard skiply siyle day shown of the secaration of the seca

Kadena, Okinawa - Cream colored curtains for sale, practically brand new. I have 2 panels, each measuring 61'x73". Asking \$20 or best ofter. Contact Tracy at 633-3571 or at tracy@jntfoster.com

Atsugi, Japan - Television, 20° color, Memorex with stereo speakers and remote. \$65. Call 264-6486 or 080-3087-2591.

in place. Call 66-5107 if Refundable (News Back 1 and 1 and

STRIPES CLASSIFIED

Home Electronics 570

Kadena - 20° TV. Brought over from states, just don't use it anymore. \$65.00 OBO. Joe 633-9232

Kadena - Bose speakers for sale. All excellent condition. Four 201's - \$125/pair. Center channel - \$125. Acoustimass 3 series IV - \$125. Please call 633-1567.

Kadena - Gamecube games for sale! Mario Golf, Animal Cross-ing, Dead to Rights, Starfox Adventures, Matrix, Spider-Man, and more. Call for complete list, 633-1567 (Kadena), \$100 for all pine games or \$15 each!

Kadena, Okinawa - 48 inches JVC HD projection TV: Paid \$1800 at PX about 1 year ago. PCSling to barracks cannot take with me. Will let it go for \$1000. Cell Phone: 990-5089-2922 or travise@gmail.com

Kadona, Okinawa - Home thea-ter speaker: Features 12inch subwoofer - Hinch tweeter. Great condition must hear, Great for parties and dorms. Good addi-tion to any entertainment sys-tem. \$70 obo call 633-2311 or email vaiopeanut@hotmail.com

Kadena, Okinawa - SKY Perfect TV sabellite system for sale. Includes receiver, dish, heady duty mounting bracket, and access card. \$125.00. E-mail: shin.steven@kadena.af.mil or call work: 634-3197, or cell

Kinser, Okinawa - Sony home etareo 50+1 CD changer. Dual acassotto player LOQDIII ncludes remote and surround sound. Everything works. One cassette door is broke not even noticeable. Paid over Son selling for \$50. Email for pio-tures; opeagles & konnect.net or call 637-2753.

Yokota - SONY 51" HDTV. Excellent condition less than 1 yr old. Bought & Best buy. Will sell for \$1500 OBO. 227-3494

Kadena, Okinawa - DIAMOND WEDDING SET size 4.5- 1/2 Carat pear diamond ring & 1/2 carat wrap in 14K Gold, already soldered together. Ex paid \$1750, asking \$800 has lifetime warranty. I have pictures but better seen in person. 633-8133 or shellmill @yahoo.com

Merchandise 700

... A. Confidential' for school. I am desperate, will pay any price to borrowl Confact Krista 646-4245

Musical Instruments 740

Butler - MOA, Sunburst Orange faded into red, 6 strings Acoustic Gultar Without Case with Brand new Strings, Perfect condition, and great sound \$180.00 em ail: hug-ginadb@mcibutler.usmc.ml or call 090-685-60632 anytime of

Outdoor Living

ster, Okinawa - We are king for bricks to be used for decaping. They don't need to perfect, just using them to go a flowerbed. Contact Lucia 6 4 6 - 4 9 9 o r amorgan@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa - FENCE for SALE: 60ft of fence including SALE: 60ft of fence including gate and all hardware. \$100.00 if you pull, \$150.00 if I pull. In good condition, selling due to PCS. Contact 633-1227 or email

Jobs Offered

Are vou interested in supporting military history not just reading about it? Stars and Stripes, a first amendment newspaper, is the

pinnacle of a military's career. A tour with us can help you move up in your military career and prepare you for your career after the military. Contact your detailer for information on how you can be a part of the military's best news provider or email Lt Col Todd at toddd@pstripes.osd.mil. Stars and Stripes is a DOD field activity of the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

(Immediate Vacancy)

(Immediate Vacancy)

Photo Journalist (SEP 05)

(Future billet available soon)

(Future billet available soon)

630 Pets

Kadena, Okinawa - 2 Oki mix-dogs, 1 male, 1 female rescued 8 now ready for adoption; sterilized, chipped 8 shots. If you can give a good home to either or both please call for more information. abe3navy@hotmail.com or call 633-5183.

Kadena, Okinawa - All American pit bull pupples born Dec 27 will be ready for pick up by Valentines Day. They are regis-tered. Please call Kla or Morrice

tered. Please call Kia or Morrice for more info at 633-6076 or email kiaterrell@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa - Looking for any information on where to get a miniature beagle puppy. Call 633-1029 or email fire03@oasis.

Pet Accessories 822

Alsugi, Japan - Aquarium -20-gallon fish tank with wood stand and accessories includes two suckerfish, two gold fish and one fancy-tail fish. Call 227-3064.

Openings include:

Journalist: 1 USMC

Tokyo 1 USMC Germany (Immediate Vacancy) 1 USN

Tokyo 1 USN Tokyo 1 USAF

JP/GE JP/GE

1 USA

Reservists:

All branches S&S bureaus (Immediate Vacancy) Civilian Opportunities

http://www.stripes.com/jobs.html

STARS STRIPES

Jobs Offered

FACILITIES MAINT. HELP WANTED

Looking for full time experienced facilities maintenance personnel. Must have experience in electrical, plumbing, carpentry and grounds maintenance. A current drivers license

required. Please send your resume to Fax 098-897-1086 or email: pmjapan@lycos.com

Jobs Offered

UMUC Asia is accepting app Accountant

188 in Accounting/Finance required
 188 in Accounting/Finance required
 Two years for more) relevant experience
 Professional certification and/or experience
 with PeopleSoft a plus
 Mass to US citizen
 Pick up a complete job description from Bidg. 465 located on Yokota AB.

For more info, contact Ms. Rogers at drogers@asia.umuo.edu or call DSN:225-2090 Person to Person 800 Pets

I am a 27 year old single female from Ghana looking for male pen pals. email me under danaka 1975@yahoo.com

820

Agamente intelle dell' escape del proposition del proposition

Kadena, Oknawa - Fish tank for sale! 29-gallon tank with all the accessories needed for a heat-ed, fresh water tank included. Asking \$100. Contact Marc at 633-3276 if interested.

822

Pet Accessories

Kinser, Okinawa - 20-gallon fish tank come with heater, bubble wand, filters and other accessories. All you need is the rocks and the fish \$50 obo. Call 6 3 7 - 4 3 8 6 o r jenn8164@yahoo.com

830 Photography

Foster, Okinawa - Olympus C2100 Ultra Zoom camera: 10X optical zoom lens, image stabili-zation, over 300 Megs in Smartcards, case, batteries & c h a r g e r . \$ 2 5 0 . 0 0 . meyers til casis mediatti.net or call 645 4277.

White Beach, Okinawa - Brand New Sony DSC-F828 Digital Camera: 8 Mega Pktels: Two memories stick (512 PRO and 256) Brushed Aluminum carry-case, 3 filters for lens, under 1,000 shots. First \$1,200 takes all, or make ofter. Call Adam at 642-2282 / 642-2542 or email swoop1156/8 gmall.com

Foster, Okinawa - Little Tykes outdoors play center. Two slides, tunnel, LOTS of tun, great for 1 yrs old and up. Faded but still in great shape. Sells at BX for \$249 will sell for \$75. Call Michelle at 646-4725.

Kadena, Okinawa - Little Tikes Kitchen Set (like ones sold at BX) never been used but is out of box, all accessories included. Our baby is too young for it and we need the storage space. \$50.00 Call 633-3280 or email newyork@casis.mediatti.net Kadona, Okinawa - Seeking Turtle Sandbox. Maybe your kids have outgrown it or you're PCSing. We would love to have your old sandbox. Call Heather 53.2 - 31.82 or em all hibbben@yahoo.com

Kadena, Okinawa- Tricycle, some rust. Works well. \$15.00 call Miranda 633-7172

980 Sporting Goods

264-5229 or 264-3228.

Courtney- Okinawa - Pro-Form Crosswalk (GTS) Electric Treadmill - Has safety key and inclines. It is 7 months old, asking \$250.00. Call 622-8330.

Foster, Okinawa - PSE Carrera Compound Bow in excellent Condition, Call for more informa-tion and details Josh at 646-3877 or e-mail Joshua. Bowllin & Kadena.af.mil or bowlin & konnect.net for pic-

Fostor, Okinawa - Salel Nitrox Fill (Erriched Air Nitrox) Cards for \$325,00 20 stamps on each card. If you are interested email styrked & Imawusmc.mil or call Liz at 930 9783-1346, or 645-3042/3043.

Kadena - 5mm woman's small full wet suit, black with pink accent. does not have zipper pull. \$50. 633-7281, miller03@casis.mediatri.net Kadena, Ckinawa - Smm Scuba Pro wetsuit Med/Reg. \$100, body Glove 3/2mm shorty Med/Reg \$40. Contact Bo at bo_ewertz@hotmail.com or call 633-6791 (evening). 634-7594 (day) or 090-6865-4543 (cell).

Kadena, Okinawa - LH king cobra 390 SS driver. Giratalloy obligadas, no copies, only blue shaft without V7 ptp. grainals, no copies, only s20,00 for all. Bearcat scanner needed. Call 633-9280 or email needed. Call 633-9280 or email conveyork © acis mediatin. Left.

Sporting Goods

ena, Okinawa - Miscellane , water gear, masks, snor , booties, clothing, life jack Make an offer. 633-8258 dandann@yahoo.com

Chadananann wyanoo.com
Kadena, Okinawa - Weider 8510
Home, Gym, Pro Filiness reflex
step Elyptical trainer, Only used
a couple of times-\$150.00 Each
(obo). Also. Weight bench: W/
Weights-\$80.00 (obo) Have
by on the way and meed to make
the way and meed to make
of the way and condition of the country
of the way and result of the country
of the country of the country of the country
of the country of the country
of the country of the country of the country
of the country of the country of the country
of the country of the country of the country of the country
of the country of the countr

Zama, Japan - Ladies golf clubs: AMF complete set, new and same as Zama Golf shop for \$399. Check them out and pay only \$275. Call 263-7421 or e-mail jimbox1234@hotmail. com for details.

Zama - New Domolite DC 70 Ski boots for beginner to intermedia te skier. Sherefblack with red buckles. Boot size - Mondo 55.5. Boots will fit a woman size 7.5 - 8 or man size 7 - 7.5. original box with tags. Boots retail for \$349. Will self for \$105. 259-7352 or lloyd.schultz@us. army.mil

Zama - New Head EZON HT 5.0 Hi-performance ski boots for beginner to intermediate skice. Silver with groy buckkes. Boot size - Mondo 27.5. Boots will sk a woman size and skilled beginner to size 7.5 - 8. Boot 8.8 or man size 7.5 or man size 7.5 or loyd.

Air Travel

Kadena, Okinawa - Airline ticket travel vouchers. Can be used on United Airlines, United Express, or Ted for travel within the United States. Ticket must be

Miscellaneous

Atsugi, Japan - Boys' 20 inch bike, \$10; girls' 16 inch bike, \$10; luggage; cordless drill, \$20; futon bunk bed with mattresses, \$95; unfinished birch TV stand, \$10; unfinished solid birch end table. \$10; microwave, \$10;

table, \$10; microwave, Funai VCR, \$10; E-ma

Atsugi - JP phone line for sell had 6 months \$350. JP Queer mattress like new \$50. Heater fan style \$30. Microwave car \$25. Sky Perfect TV cabb includes box, satellite, card and

Iwakuni - Sony Trinitron 21 inch for \$150 or Best offer. Only three months old. Full Size Beo

Kadena, Okinawa - Real Louis Vulton purse - Authentic tags still on bag and storage bag for the purse, very cute and stylish. Brand new never used! \$150.00 Call Heather at 633-8272.1 will send you a picture if you email me @ heather.hulter@kadenaaf. mill

What's your scene?

Buy Stripes this Sunday and every Sunday to get your scene!

MOVIES

MUSIC



TRAVEL









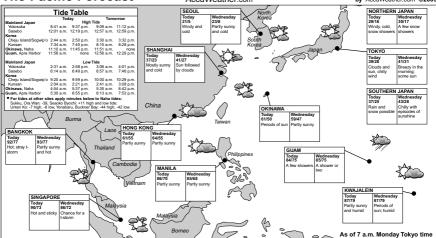
_Pentagon

Watch the new Pentagon Channel ...

The Pacific Forecast

AccuWeather.com

Forecasts and graphics, provided by AccuWeather.com @2005



Extended Forecasts

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,

high 44, low 32. Friday: Partly sunny high 43, low 33.

KADENA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,

high 64, low 56. Friday: Showers. high 69, low 62

SEOUL

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high 27, low 14. Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 29, low 17.

Thursday: Mostly sunny,

high 85, low 68. Friday: Mostly sunny, high 86, low 69,

HAGATNA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,

high 86, low 77. Friday: Periods of clouds and sun.

high 86, low 77.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	44/29	Los Angeles	67/48
Amarillo	33/27	Little Rock	48/35
Anchorage	26/13	Louisville	41/26
Asheville	43/28	Miami	79/58
Baltimore	36/22	Milwaukee	33/23
Birmingham	51/34	Nashville	43/32
Bismarck	41/26	New York	37/22
Boise	44/26	Omaha	33/25
Boston	38/22	Orlando	79/46
Brownsville	81/65	Philadelphia	36/22
Buffalo	34/14	Phoenix	60/46
Burlington	29/3	Pittsburgh	38/16
Charleston, S	C 53/35	Portland, OR	54/42
Charlotte	42/30	Portland, ME	35/9
Cleveland	33/17	Salt Lake City	41/27
Columbus, OF	39/19	St. Louis	41/26
Duluth	32/21	San Antonio	51/46
El Paso	55/31	San Diego	65/48
Hartford	38/14	San Juan	79/70
Helena	47/22	Tampa	74/50
Indianapolis	37/21	Tulsa	40/30
Jacksonville	64/38	Washington, D	C 37/26
Kansas City	36/28	Wichita	37/29



U.S. Extended Forecast

High pressure will dominate much of the country on Tuesday. Some rain will fall in southern sections of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. A few flurries will fly in the mountains of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, as well as in northern Michigan. The rain in the Deep South will press eastward, developing into a coastal system with rain and wind, and possibly even some snow inland, by Friday, Some of this moisture may make it into the mid-Atlantic and Northeast by Friday. A couple of Alberta Clippers may skirt the northern Plains and Great Lakes with light snow or flurries on Thursday and Friday. An active storm track into the Pacific Northwest will keen rain and mountain snow in Washington and Oregon through the end of the

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

Tuesday's World Temperatures

raceary or actine reinperatures						racoualy or racing remperatures								
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IGH/LOW	
Bangkok	92/77	lwakuni	34/20	Sasebo NB	35/23	Acapulco	89/71	Budapest	33/18	Kabul	41/19	Nairobi	88/57	
Beijing	28/10	Kadena AB	61/50	Sapporo	29/16	Athens	47/35	Buenos Aires	70/51	Kiev	20/10	New Delhi	71/43	
Camp Casey	19/5	Kunsan AB	25/14	Seoul	21/5	Auckland	75/63	Cairo	66/40	Kuwait	80/58	Oslo	33/25	
Christchurch	72/54	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	37/23	Baghdad	74/42	Cancun	83/68	London	50/41	Paris	45/32	
Diego Garcia	86/78	Manila	86/70	Singapore	90/73	Barbados	86/70	Cape Town	82/66	Madrid	50/37	Rio de Janeiro	79/69	
Hagatna	84/75	Misawa AB	27/16	Sydney	89/72	Barcelona	51/41	Geneva	39/27	Mexico City	67/40	Rome	52/36	
Hanoi	68/62	Osan	19/5	Taegu	23/12	Berlin	35/26	Istanbul	33/25	Montreal	27/19	St. Petersburg	13/2	
Hong Kong	61/55	Perth	79/60	Taipei	59/45	Bermuda	66/51	Jerusalem	59/43	Mogadishu	88/73	Stockholm	31/23	
Honolulu	80/66	Pusan	25/17	Tokyo	39/28	Brussels	44/32	Johannesburg	83/60	Moscow	21/10	Warsaw	26/15	



Sell it.....Free!

Adventise your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or bicycle in Stripes freat No charge! On sat Up to 7 lines of copy for 21 days - free! Call Classified body or 229-3276 or e-mail us of classifieds/epithes.osd.mil, individuals only - no dealers!

STARS STRIPES.

SCOREBOARD

AFN TV & Radio

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Boxing: Arturo Gatti vs. lesse James Leija for Gatti's WBC super-lightweight title. AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College basketball: Mis-

APN-Sports, 9 a.m. College basketball: Mis-sovint at Kantse, 9 a.m. Women's college bas-ketball: Georgie at Tennessee.
APN radio Ghawan, Korea, 9 a.m.-NBA: In-APN-Sports, 11 a.m. Extreme games: Win-APN-Sports, 11 a.m. College basketball:
Providence at Pittsburgh.
APN-Sports, 9 a.m. College basketball:
APN-Sports, 9 a.m. College basketball:
APN-Sports, 9 p.m. College basketball:

Wednesday AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-Extreme games: Winter X Games IX (dld). AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-NBA: Houston at Miami

ATN-Sports, 4 a.m.-NBA: Houston at Maami Oli Matlantie, 9 am. College basketball: Ill-nis at Michigan State. ATN-Sports, 10 a.m.-College basketball: ATN-Atlantie, 11 a.m.-Extreme games: Win-ATN-Sports, 5 p.m.-RBA: Clereland at Or-lands (did). ATN-Sports, 5 p.m.-RBA: Clereland at Or-log at Michigan State (did). ATN-Sports, midings Atter Winter X Games IX (did).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard Time; dld indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro football

NFL playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 8 Saturday, Jan. 8
St. Louis 27, Seattle 20
N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT
Sunday, Jan. 9
Indianapolis 49, Denver 24
Minnesota 31, Green Bay 17
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 15 Pittsburgh 20, N.Y. Jets 17, OT Atlanta 47, St. Louis 17 Atlanta 47, St. Louis 17

Sunday, Jan. 16

Philadelphia 27, Minnesota 14

New England 20, Indianapolis 3

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23

Sunday, Jan. 23
Philadelphia 27, Atlanta 10
New England 41, Pittsburgh 27
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
Jacksonville, Fla.
Philadelphia vs. New England

Tennis

Australian Open

Saturday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia Purse: \$14.5 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Men

Championshi Marat Safin (4), Russia, def. (3), Australia, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 nship rief. Lleyton Hewitt

Doubles MIXEG
Championship
Scott Draper and Samantha Stosur, Austra-lia, def. Kevin Ullyett, Zimbabwe, and Liezel Huber (4), South Africa, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (6).

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 fared

1. Illinois (21-0) beat Minnesota 89-66. Next: at No. 15 Michigan State, Tuesday, 2. Duke (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday, 3. North Carolina (17-2) beat Virginia 110-76. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Thursan in the Action College of the Coll

76-65. Next: vs. Providence, mornous, 21. Cincinnat (17-3) beat Houston 87-68. Next: at No. 12 Louisville, Wednesday, 22. Georgia Tech (12-5) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Sunday, 23. lowa (15-5) beat Indiana 72-57. Next: vs. No. 15 Michigan State, Saturday.

24. Mississippi State (16-5) lost to LSU 69-62. Next: vs. Florida, Tuesday. 25. Utah (17-3) did not play. Next: at Brigham Young, Monday.

Saturday's men's scores Albright 78, Elizabethtown 73, OT Alderson-Broaddus 83, Charleston, W.Va. 75 Allegheny 69, Kenyon 53 Alvernia 78, Cabrini 58 Ambards E. Cabrini 58 Alvernia 78, Cabrini 58 Amherst 58, Colly 58 Baruch 111, Brooklyn 69 Bentley 97, St. Rose 96, OT Bloomfield 78, Caldwell 63 Bluefield 57, Caldwell 63 Bluefield 57, 27, Glerville St. 71 Boston College 64, Georgetown 49 Bridgeport 54, New Hawen 52 Bridgewater, Mass. 81, Fitchburg S Bridgeport 54, New Haven 52 Bridgewater, Mass. 81, Fitchburg St. 59 Bryant 68, Franklin Pierce 56 Columbia 64, Dartmouth 45 Concord 81, Shepherd 77 Concordia, N. Y. 76, Molloy 73 Curry 77, Nichols 66 Draw 197, Nichols 67 Draw 197, Nichols 6 ura St. 59 Edinbord 69, Edek Haven 54 Elms 79, Becker 51 Emerson 86, Daniel Webster 64 Framingham St. 67, Newbury 42 Franklin & Marshall 67, Swarthr Franklin & Marshall 67, Swarthmore-Goucher 78, Gallaudet 74 Gwynedd-Mercy 86, Misericordia 74 Hamilton 77, Vassar 54 Harvard 74, Cornell 65 Hayerford 89, Gettysburg 75 Hofstra 84, Towson 64 Holy Family 94, N.J. Tech 81 Ithaca 80, Alfred 50 John Jay 44, CONY 40 Hofstra 8, Towsofi 64
Hindas 80, Mired Geh 81
Hindas 80, Mired Geh 82
Hindas Geh 82
Hindas Geh 83
Hindas Geh 83
Hindas Geh 84
Hind Penn 83, Brown 60 Penn 83, Brown 60 Pitt.-Bradford 71, Frostburg St. 55 Pittsburgh 76, Syracuse 69 Plattsburgh 76, Fredonia St. 69 Filterburn of Systematics 94, 69
Plymouth St. 69, Mass-Dartmouth 76
Filterburn of Systematics 94, 114
Filter Springfield 79. Endicott 70 St. Anselm 87. St. Michael's 67 St. Joseph's, NY 96, Berkeley 62 Stevens Tech 67. Old Westbury 55 Stonehill 68, S. Connecticut 60 Terrinty, Conn. 93, Bowdoin 73 Union, NY, 76, St. Lawrence 70 Ursinus 89, McDaniel 81 Ursinus 89, McDaniel 81 Linion, Ny, 76, St. Lawrence or Univinus 89, McGanel 81 Villanova 98, Rutgers 61, 1971 Villanova 98, Rutgers 61, 1971 Villanova 98, Rutgers 61, 1971 Villanova 98, Rutgers 62, 1971 Villanova 98, 1971 Vill

South
Ala-Huntsville 76, North Alabama 67
Alcorn St. 69, Southern U. 67
Appalachian St. at ETSU, ppd.
Ark.-Pine Bluff 77, Grambling St. 60
Armstrong Atlantic 95, N.C. Pembrok
Auburn 62, Tennessee 59
Averett 61, N.C. Wesleyan 56
Barry 81, St. Leo 66
Barry 81, St. Leo 68
Bethol Tonn 84 Berea 70

51. Leo 66 enn. 84. Berea 70

TANK MCNAMARA ESU'S TRYING TO MAKE SURE OTHER

ESU'S TRYING TO MAKE SUKE OTHER COACHES LIKE ME CAN'T BET TO JAMAL TO CHANGE HIG MIND ABOUT WHERE HE'LL PLAY COLLEGE BALL. BUT MY OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR IS PREPARED

Bethune-Cookman 71, Howard 46 Birmingham-Southern 68, VMI 95 Catawda 39, Preshyterian 56 Coll. Will Charleston 71, Georgia Southern 64 Davidson 81, The Citagle 193 DePaul 70, Southern Miss, 48 DePaul 70, Southern Miss, 48 Deleware St. 7, Florida AgM 57 E. Mennonite 76, Lynchburg 63 East Carolina 56, Charlotte 51 Embry-Riddle 85, Sevennah Art 81, OT Firk 101, Thomas More 87

Fayetteville St. 86, St. Paul's 57 Fisk 101, Thomas More 87 Florida 80, South Carolina 72 Florida Atlantic 84, Lipscomb 67 Furman at Wofford, ppd. George Mason 95, William & Mar Georgetown, Ky. 86, Pikeville 68 Georgia at Alabama, ppd. 1. am & Mary 62

Consider Many Authorities A Mary McGeroffia at Alabama, ppd.

ed Georgia a Mississippi College 90, Austin 64 Montevallo 73, West Alabama 51 Morgan St. 55, Norfolk St. 51 Murray St. 83. Morehead St. 64

Va. Commonwealth 75, Old Dominion 7 Valiotas 1s, 164, West Florida 57 Vanderbilt 73, Mississippl 51 Virginia Union 76, Elizabeth City St. 52 W. Carolina 71, Elon 67 Wake Forest 94, Miami 82 Webber 70, Warner Southern 67 West Georgia 98, Lincoln Memorial 75 Winthrop at High Point, ppd.

Albion 73, Olivet 63 Albion 73, Olivet Gluvers

Alma 88, Kalamazo 65
Augustana, S.D. 84, North Dakota 80
Augustana, S.D. 84, North Dakota 80
Augustana, S.D. 84, North Dakota 80
Bendigi 84, 84, Minn.-Crookston 70
Bendigi 84, 81, Minn.-Crookston 70
Bendigi 84, 81, Minn.-Crookston 70
Bendigi 84, 81, Minn.-S. Corett, Methodist 90, OT
Bethely, Kann. 92, Bethauty, Kan. 71
Bendigi 84, 81, Minn.-S. Corett, Ilowa 55
Burfall 80, E. Michigan 88
Burral Vista 101, Cornell, Ilowa 55
Burfall 80, E. Michigan 82
Captall 83, Otterbein 88, 207
Carroll, Wijs. 46, Illinois College 33
Catroll, Wijs. 46, Illinois College 31
Catroll, Wijs. 46, Illinois College 31

Cedarville 76, Mount Vernon Nazar Chicago St. 71, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 63 Cincinnati 87, Houston 68 Clarke 88, Aurora 83 Cleveland St. 67, Wright St. 53 Columbia, Mo. 90, Missouri Baptist Chewland Sc. 93, 50 Medicari Baptist 89, 0T Concordia, Morr. 81, 51, 0147 59 50 Concordia, Morr. 81, 51, 0147 51 50 Crown 88, Minn, Morris 85, 66 Errorit 73, 1, 0940, at Chicago 59 Doane 91, Dordt 81 Drake SJ. N. 1040 72 70 E. Illinois 66, Jacksonville St. 63 Edgewood 78, Maranatha Baptist 55 Emporia SJ. 70, Missouri-Rolla 61 Emporia SJ. 70, Missouri-Rolla 61 Findlay 78, 4, 5419-417 57

Evangel 87, Culver-Stockto Findlay 78, Ashland 67 Franciscan 86, Waldorf 62 Franklin 81, Defiance 74 Graceland, Iowa 59, Misso

Frankins B, Deflages 14.

Frankins B, Deflages 14.

Frankins B, Deflages 14.

Frankins B, Britons Minn. B James M, Barris B, Baktora Myeshin S de James M, Barris B, B

SCRAMBLE DOSTER JETS THREE AND FIVE.

THE PLANT OF THE P

VOTE FOR 2004 SPORTS JERK OF THE YEAR AT TANKMCNAMARA.COM

YOU THINK IT'LL TAKE

TWO PLANGLOADS OF BOOSTERS? WE GOT THAT RUNNING BACK PROSPECT IN OREGON

Mary 88, Mayville St. 69 McKendree 78, Hannibal-LaGrange 63 McPherson 60, Kansas Wesleyan 59 Michigan St. 92, Oakland, Mich. 75 Michigan St. 92, Oakland, Mich. 75 Mid-An Nazarene 79, Lindenwood 68 Milkin 72, North Central 62 Milwaukee Engineering 81, Wis. Lutheran 77 Minn.-Markatol 86, South Dakota 78 Minn. Mankatö 86, South Dakota 78 Monmouth, III. 91, St. Norbert 83, OT Mount Marty 83, Midland Lutheran 68 Mount Union 63, Wilmighoto, Ohio 59 Muskingum at John Carroll, ppd. N. Michigan 66, Saginsav Vailey St. 54 NW Missouri St. 96, SW Baptist 90, OT Northern St., SD. 88, Minn. Moarhead 66 Notre Dame Coll. 34, Point Park 89 Ohio 72, Bowling Green 69 Ohio Northern 105, Heidelberg 66 Ohio St. 65, Northwestern 52 Ohio Weslyn 81, Hiram 68 Ohio Weslyn 81, Hiram 68 Olivet Nazarene 83, St. Xavier 74 Pittsburg St. 95, Cent. Missouri 86 Rockford 68, Benedictine, Ill. 61 S. Dakota Tech 63, Si Tanka-Huron S. Dakota Tech 63, S.T Fanka-Huron 99
S. Illinois 79, Evanoville 53
S. Illinois 79, Evanoville 73
Samford 72, S.E. Missouri 63
Shawnee S.I. 79, Tiffin 68
Soux Falls 73, Nebraska Westley N.B. 95, OT 55
Southwestern, N.B. 93, Ottawa, K.B. 95, CT 54, Ambrose 88, Viterbo 83
S. Cloud S.T. 98, Minn-Dullah 69
Toledo 73, Kent St. 70
Urbana 85, Olio Dominican 83 Urbana 85, Öhio Dominican 83 W. Michigan 84, Cent. Michigan 39 Wabash 89, Oberlin 60 Walsh 90, Wilberforce 71 Wartburg 59, Central 54 Washburn 72, Missouri Western 66 Wichita St. 78, Illinois St. 72 William Penn 84, Iowa Wesleyan 81 Wilnona St. 77, Concordia, St.P. 65 Winona St. 77, Concordia, St.P. 65 Wis.-Eau Claire 77, Wis.-La Crosse 69 Wis.-Green Bay 76, Wis.-Milwaukee 72 Wis.-Oshkosh 65, Wis.-River Falls 59 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 64, Wis.-Stout 52

wis-- opinison is S. Wis--Piwer Falls 59
wis-- Severe FB + Wis-- Solver 52
wis-- Severe FB + Wis-- Solver 52
wooster 91, Earlinan 66
Albama A&M 75, Floras Southern 76, OT
Albama 50, Pipalite View 51
Albama 51
Albama 51, Pipalite View 51
Albama 51
Albama 51, Pipalite View 51
Albama 51
Albama 51, Pipalite View 51
Albama 51
Albam

UMMC 88, Oral Roberts 71.6st Adams 51.48, Mera, Cullo, 45 Alf Force 62, San Diego 51.59 CS Northridge 94, UC Davis 22 Call Poly 94, UC Davis 24 Call

Gonzago S, Pertiguel 79
Gonzago S, Pertiguel 79
Gonzago S, Pertiguel 79
Gonzago S, Gonza

W. Washington 79, W. Oregon 66 Washington St. 70, Arizona 63 Westminster, Utah 80, Montana-Western 68 Woming 69, Colorado St. 56

AP Women's Top 25 fared

Saturday 1. Duke (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 25 North Carolina State, Sunday. 2. LSU (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Sunday. 3. Ohio State (20-2) did not play. Next: at Il-J. Ufflo State (40-2) inois, Sunday, 4. Stanford (19-2) beat Washington State 69-56. Next: vs. Arizona, Thursday.

THOSE BABIES ARE

LEARUSTS WITH 500
MPH CRUISING SPEED
WE CAN PO THIS
KID AND BE IN
PORTLAND BY LUNCH.

MPH.

ME CAN P.

ME CA

5. Tennessee (15-3) did not play, vs. No. 19 Georgia, Monday 6. Notre Dame (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Connecticut, Sunday, 7. Baylor (15-3) beat Oklahoma State 67-65. Next: vs. No. 16 Karsas State, Wednesday, 8. Rutgers (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Notro Bana Sunday. west Verginia, Surfally, did not play, Next: vs. No. F. Notro Earne, Surfally, 10. Minnesota (16-3) did not play, Next: at No. 2. Plenni Statel, Sunday, vo. 2. Notro, 12. North Carolina (16-3) did not play, Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday, did not play, Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday, did not play, Next: at Techas A&M, Sunday, did not play, Next: at Techas, Next: at No. 8 Not Play, Next: at New Description, Next: at Techas, Next: at Next: 148. Boston College (152) beat Pittsburgh (154) beat Missouri 71-52. Next 156, 156 beat Missouri 71-56 beat Colorado (156) beat Colorado (156) beat Colorado (156) beat Missouri 71-56. Next 156, 156 beat Missouri 71-56. Next 15 23. Vanderbilt (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday. 24. Temple (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Z4. Temple (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Sunday. 25. North Carolina State (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, Sunday.

Saturday's women's scores Concord 10, Shepherd 60 Concordia, N.Y. 73, Mollo Curry 64, Nichols 62 Dartmouth 90, Cornell 57 DeSales 88, Wilkes 43 ov 60 Courte March 19 (19 Courte March 19 Courte Mar Kings Point 70, St. Joseph's, Ll. 44 Kings, Pa. 73, Delaware Valley 67 Kutztown 74, Mansfield 73, 201 Lehman 69, Hunter 65 Maine Maritime 59, St. Joseph's, Maine 54 Mass. Dartmouth 66, Plymouth St. 62 McDanlel 66, Urshus 39 McDanlel 66, Urshus 39 Mathetaramille Et., Mouret St. Vincent & Western & Weste

Widener 83, Juniata 80 William Paterson 65, Richard Stockton 62 Wilmington, Del. 85, Nyack 63 Worcester St. 62, Salem St. 59 York, Pa. 79, Salisbury St. 76 CEE COOPEROARD ON DACE 20

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 25

Thomas More 61, Wis.-Platteville 60 Troy 66, Upscomb 59 UNC-Greensboro 70, Furner 60 UNC-Greensboro 70, Furner 60 UNC-Greensboro 70, Furner 60 UNC-Greensboro 70, Cumberland, Fenn. 63 W. Kentucky 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 53 W. Kentucky 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 53 Warner Southern 70, Webber 70, Webber 70, Web World 70, Holling 70, Web World 70, Holling 70, Holling 70, Web World 70, Holling 7

Albion 63, Alma 47 Allegheny 69, Ohio Weslyn 58 Ashland 65, Findlay 61 Augsburg 73, Bethel, Minn. 65 Augustana, III. 76, Carthage 66 Augustana, S.D. 71, North Dakota 60 Augustana, S.D. 71, North Dakota 60 Baldwin-Wallace 68, Marietta 4, Benedictine, Kan. 99, Cert. Methodist 66 Berhany, Man. 06, Bethel, Nan. 42 Berhany, Man. 06, Bethel, Nan. 42 Buena Vista 78, Cornell, Iowa 51 Carleton 84, St. Benedict 57 Cedarville 95, Mount Vernon Nazaror 63 Cert. Milesouri 72, Pittsburg St. 62 Cent. Milesouri 72, Pittsburg St. 62 Central St., Onlo 83, Wayne, Mich. 60 Celt. Miscouri J. PHISDURG S. D. C. C. Collare S. M. Auron S. Impre. Mich. Celt. Cel Hope 63, Kalamazoo 44 Huntington 68, Taylor 61 Floring Annual State (1994) and the Mills (1994) an Otterbein 80, Capital 67 S. Dakota St. 90, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 73 S. Dakota Tech 77, Si Tanka-Huron 69

SE Missouri BS, Samford 49
Shawnes St. 71, Tiffin 59
Shownes St. 71, Tiffin 59
Shownes St. 71, Tiffin 59
Shown Fals SR, Medical C, Wayne, Neb. 58
St. Norbert 77, Mormouth, III. 48
SS. Norbert 77, Mormouth, III. 48
SS. Norbert 77, Mormouth, III. 48
SS. Homas, Man. 95, Hamilton 54
Sterling 45, Friends 90, Man. 49
Sterling 46, Friends 90, Man. 49
Transylvania 47, Anderson, Ind. 45
Tri-State 59, Calvin Jones 59
Villeton 57, SJ. Ambrosse 59
Wartburg SR, Sterling SP, Marthurg MB, Central 59
Wartburg SL, Central 59
Wilberforce 58, Wallsh 75
Willingforce 58, Wollah 75 Wilberforce 95, Walsh 75 or Wilmington, Ohio 99, Mount Union 68 Wis. Lutheran 51, Milwaukee Engineerin Wis-Green Bay 95, Loyola of Chicago 67 Wis-River Falls 50, Wis-Shosh 48 Wis-Wiltewalt 50, Wis-Shosh 48 wis-Wiltewalt 72, Wis-Shosh 64 Wis-Wiltewalt 72, Wis-Shosh 64 Wis-Wiltewalt 72, Wis-Shosh 64 Wis-Wiltewalt 72, Wis-Shosh 64 Wis-Wiltewalt 72, William 54 Will SOUTHWEST Baylor 67, Oklahoma St. 65

Baylor 67, Oklahoma St. 65 Concordia-Austin 72, Howard Payne 67 E. New Mexico 77, Texas A&M-Kingsville 67 Henderson St. 102, Harding 73 Houston Bapt. 85, SW Assemblies of God 47

Concordia Austin 72, Howard Payme 67
Concordia Austin 72, Howard Payme 67
Henderson St. Dit Harding 73
Henderson St. Dit Harding 73
Howard St. Dit Harding 74
Howard 74
Harding 74
Ha

Golf

Bob Hope Chrysler Classic

Sunday
La Quinta, Calif.
Purse: \$4.7 million
PGA West (Palmer Course); 6,930 yard
Tamarisk Country Club; 7,060 yards
La Quinta Country Club; 7,060 yards
Sermuda Dunes Country Club; 6,960 yards

Bermuda Dunes Country Club; 6,962 yards								
Par for all four courses; 72 (36-36)								
	l Round							
J. Leonard, \$846,000								
Tim Clark, \$413,600	70-66-64-66-69-335	-25						
Joe Ogilvie, \$413,600	64-63-66-69-73-335	-25						
L. Roberts, \$206,800	68-67-67-65-69-336							
P. Lonard, \$206,800	67-64-64-69-72-336							
Tim Herron, \$163,325								
John Senden	69-67-64-68-69-337	-23						
Andrew Magee	68-69-65-69-67-338							
Jerry Kelly, \$131,600	68-67-64-69-70-338	-22						
Jim Furyk, \$131,600	67-70-65-65-71-338							
	70-70-64-63-71-338							
Phil Mickelson	66-64-70-68-71-339							
Ryuji Imada, \$103,40	066-69-64-69-71-339	-21						
Tom Pernice, Jr.	67-69-67-69-68-340							
Craig Stadler	68-67-65-71-69-340							
Brian Davis, \$82,250	68-66-69-68-69-340							
Fredrik Jacobson	68-62-67-70-73-340							
Jeff Sluman, \$61,288								
Tim Petrovic, \$61,288	867-70-66-69-69-341	-19						
Todd Fischer, \$61,28								
Davis Love III	70-69-61-70-71-341	-19						
Chris Riley, \$61,288	70-66-66-66-73-341	-19						
Jay Haas, \$40,655	70-68-68-67-69-342							
Fred Funk, \$40,655	64-70-71-68-69-342							
Stewart Cink, \$40,655	568-68-71-66-69-342	-18						
Bernhard Langer	70-71-65-68-68-342							
Fred Couples	65-66-72-68-71-342	-18						
Scott Verplank	69-70-68-62-73-342							
Justin Rose, \$30,550	65-72-68-68-70-343							
David Toms, \$30,550	69-69-67-66-72-343	-17						

Nick Watney, \$30,550 65-70-66-69-73-343 -17 Ted Purdy, \$30,550 64-68-71-67-73-343 -17 Hildemichi Tanaka 67-69-68-69-71-344 -16 Bart Bryant 68-69-66-99-72-344 -16 Hidemichi Tanaka 67-69-68-09-71-3-94 - 16 88-09-66-69-72-344 - 16 88-09-66-69-72-344 - 16 88-70-67-69-70-344 - 16 8-70-67-69-70-344 - 16 8-70-67-69-74-70-74 Briny Baird Billy Mayfair Duffy Waldorf Neal Lancaste 67-64-69-74-70-344 64-69-69-69-73-344 65-73-70-68-68-344 Neal Lancaster 65-73-70-86-86-944 Stephen Ames 69-71-68-65-72-345 Jesper Parnevik 68-65-71-70-71-345 Skip Kendall, \$16,450 67-68-70-99-71-345 Kent Jones, \$16,450 71-68-66-65-75-345 69-71-68-65-72-345 -15 68-65-71-70-71-345 -15 Chris Smith, \$10,434 70-67-67-66-78—348 -12 Brian Bateman 67-67-75-67-72—348 -12 Steve Elkington Ben Curtis, \$9,165 J.J. Henry, \$9,165 Jay Williamson John Daly, \$8,836 72-67-67-71-75-352 72-66-68-71-75-352

Geoff Ogilvy, \$8,836 75-68-67-67-75-352 -8 Jason Alired, \$8,648 66-65-73-72-78-354 -6 **Champions Turtle Bay**

Saturday At The Palmer Course Kahuku, Hawaii Purse: \$1.5 million Yardage: 7,044; Par 72 (36-36) Second Round 67-66-133 -11 67-68-135 -9

Hale Irwin Allen Dovle

Dana Quigley Keith Fergus 68-68-136 -8 67-69-136 -8 Gil Morgan Don Pooley Larry Nelson Jerry Pate Don Reese Tom McKnight Dick Mast 67-69-136 67-69-136 70-67-137 69-68-137 71-67-138 70-68-138 70-68-138 69-69-138 Wayne Levi Jim Ahern Tom Watson John Harris 68-70-138 71-68-139 70-69-139 70-69-139 D.A. Weibring John Jacobs 70-69-139 -5 70-69-139 -5 Hugh Baiocchi Bruce Lietzke Jay Sigel R.W. Eaks 69-70-139 -5 69-70-139 -5 R.W. Eaks Morris Hatalsky Jim Thorpe Tom Jenkins Walter Hall Brad Bryant Gary Player Mike Reid Bobby Wadkins 69-70-139 -5 68-71-139 -5 71-69-140 -4 70-70-140 -4 69-71-140 -4 69-71-140 -4 Bob Gilder Mike San Filippo 68-72-140 -4 73-68-141 -3 Tom Herzan Graham Marsh 72-69-141 71-70-141 Mark McNulty 70-71-141 70-71-141 John Ross Tom Purtzer 70-71-141 -3 70-71-141 -3 70-71-141 -3 68-73-141 -3 73-69-142 -2 70-72-142 -2 73-70-143 -1 Joe Inman Gary McCord Ed Flori Bruce Fleisher Ron Streck Leonard Thompson Pat McGowan Bruce Summerhays Mike Ferguson Rodger Davis Bob Eastwood John Foundt Pete Oakley Jim Colbert Dave Barr Isao Aoki 71-73-144 73-72-145 73-73-146 71-75-146 69-77-146 76-71-147 75-72-147 74-73-147 isao Aoki David Eger Dave Eichelberger Norm Jarvis Mark James Lonnie Nielsen Vicente Fernar 71-76-147 76-72-148 Jimmy Powell Doug Tewell 76-72-148 74-74-148 +4 +4 +5 +5 +6 +6 +7 +8 +8 +8 +8 +8 +8 Hajime Meshiai Fuzzy Zoeller 75-74-149 72-77-149 72-77-149 76-74-150 Larry Ziegler
Daniel Nishimoto
Howard Twitty
Mike McCullough
Gary Robison
Hubert Green
Babe Hiskey
Lee Trevino
Dick McClean 76-74-150 75-75-150 74-77-151 79-73-152 77-75-152 77-75-152 77-75-152 71-81-152 80-73-153 Larry Stubblefield Rocky Thompson 80-75-155 76-79-155 Brad Schmierer DeWitt Weaver 79-77-156 +12 76-82-158 +14

Caltex Masters

Arnold Palmer Walter Zembriski

Sunday At Laguna National Golf and Country Club, Masters Course Singapore Purse: \$1 million Yardage: 7,207; Par: 72 Final

Nick Dougherty, England C. Montgomerie, Scotland M. Lafeber, Netherlands Thomas Bjorn, Demmark Robert Coles, England Marcus Fraser, Australia Gregory Havret, France Peter Lawrie, Ireland Llang Wenchong, China Lee Westwood, England Peter Lawrie, Ireland Colon, China Lee Westwood, England Peter Lawrie, Ireland Colon, China Lee Westwood, England Peter Senior, Australia Jamie Donaldison, Wales 68-67-68-67-270 65-71-69-70-275 69-70-67-69-275 72-66-67-72-277 72-69-71-68-280 71-70-70-69-280 70-70-69-71-280 74-72-68-6 70-68-71-71 - 280 Jamie Donaldson, Wales Kim Felton, Australia J. Kingston, South Africa Paul Marantz, Australia Soren Hansen, Denmark

70-68-72-73-283 70-73-69-71-283 73-73-68-69-28 73-68-71-71-283 69-70-69-76-284 Graeme McDowell, Ireland Angelo Que, Philippines Also 74-69-69-72-284 70-70-70-74-284

Winter sports **World Cup Bobsled**

World Cup Bobsled

Sunday weterland

454. Medican

A 54. Medican

2:11.40 (1:05.86-1:05.54),

9. Czech Republic 2 (Ivo Danilevic-Milos Ve-sely-Roman Gomola-Jan Kobian), 2:11.51 (1:06.00-1:05.51),

10. Latvia 2 (Janis Minins-Marcis Rullis-Ain-ars Podnieks-Janis Ozols), 2:11.53 (1:05.87-105.66).

. 1058.71-105.65).
World Cup Four-Man Standings (Alter six of seven events)
1. Alexandroubow, Russia, 255 points.
2. Pierre Leuders, Canada, 460.
3. Martin Anner, Switzerland, 450.
3. Martin Anner, Switzerland, 450.
5. Todd Hays, United States, 360.
6. Janis Minins, Luthia, 256.
7. Andre Lange, Germany, 295.
8. Steven Holocomb, United States, 269.
9. Wolfgang Stampler, Austria, 248.
10. Brunn Mingeon, France, 241.

High school sports

Japan

Boys basketball Saturday Matthew C. Perry 62, Zama American 44 At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japa Zama tation, Japan 7 15 9 13-44

Zama 7 15 9 13-44 14 23-62 Leading scorers-Perry, Kris Lazarou 24, Kris Lazarou 24, Kris Lazarou 24, Kris Lazarou 24, Zama, Alaron Kathew C. Perry 43 Tawaka Marine Corps Air Station, Japan Al twakum Marine Corps Air Station, Japan 18, Japan 24, Kris Leading scorers-Zama, Wilbert Badillo 25, Aaron Tabor 15; Perry, Kris Lazarou 15, Kevin Lea 24, Kris basketball

co. Autor Tabor 15; Perry, Nris Lazarou 15, Revin Let a Girks basekethal Nile C. Klanck 42, Robert 10, Lidyen 15 Asturday 10, Lidyen 15, Lidyen 16, Lidyen 1

ynce 5. Zama American 44, Matthew C. Perry 16 At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan Zama 16 10 8 10-4 Perry Leading scorers-Zama, Tiffani Wright 13; Perry, Larnice Alexander 4. Christian Academy In Japan 37, American School In Japan 25

Christian Academy in Japan 37, American School in Japan Friday Zama American 51, Matthew C. Perry 28 At twakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan Zama 10 18 15 8-51 Perry 4 10 3 11-28 Leading scorers-Zama, Elli Legaspi 22; Perry, Cristina Sindac 10. Christian Academy in Japan 41, Internation-al School of the Sacred Neart 32

Guam

Boys basketball Saturday Guam High 54, St. John's 35 At Santa Rita, Guam Quarter scores not available.

Leading scorers-Gaum High, Justin Wash
ington 20; St. John's, Joey Lopez Jr. 13. Lead
ing rebounder-Guam High, Justin Washing
ton 12.

College hockey

Saturday's scores

Saturday's scores
Assumption 2, Franklin Pirece 2, tie
Babson 4, William Ince 2
Brocksport 4, Fredonia St. 0
Brocksport 5, 22, Lie
Clarkson 3, Colpate 1 pp. 1
Connecticut 7, American International 2
Cornell 1, St. Lawrence 9
Dartmouth 4, PP 2
Framingham St. 3, Worcester St. 1
Brown St. 10
Brown Quinnipiac 4, Army 3 Robert Morris 6, Niagara 0

Poddalin A., corumin S. J.

Poddalin A., corumin S. J.

S. Anselho S. Nangara O.

Sangara O.

Sangara

College baseball

Saturday's scores

Faulkner 8-7, Loyola, NO 6-1 Fla. International 6-5, Florida A&M 0-3 Webber 7-3, Aubum-Montgomery 6-2 FAR WEST Stanford 12, Fresno St. 1

Deals

Saturday transactions

ASSEALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKES—Announced an extension of their working agreement with Trenton of the Eastern League through the 2008 season.

Refluor of the consistency of th ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed C Kerny Anderson on the injured list. Activated G Royal New York the flower List of the Control of the Co

Leonard wins Hope Classic by three shots

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Justin Leonard shot a 5-under 67 Sunday to overtake faltering Joe Ogilvie and win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic



Leonard finished the 90-hole tournament at 28-under 332, three shots in front of Ogilvie and Tim Clark of South Africa

Ogilvie still winless in six years on the tour, had a closing 73.

Clark shot 69 Coming off his worst year since joining the tour full-time in 1995, former British Open champion Leonard rolled in six birdie putts and had just one bogev in the final round at PGA West's Palmer Course

He began the day three shots behind the front-running Ogilvie, who had been tied for the lead or alone at the top since the

opening round of the five-day event. Leonard missed the cut last week at Torrey Pines, but the way he finished it may have been an omen. Able to play only 17 holes of his second round Friday because of fog, he was 2 over.

Unlike a half-dozen other players who also weren't going to make the cut and withdrew, Leonard showed up Saturday morning to finish his round - by playing one

He birdied the par 5 and said that he finished because he felt it was the right thing to do, adding, "Plus, look at all the momentum I gave myself for next week."

three tournaments last year and dropped to 42nd on the earnings list with \$1.5 million. He failed to win a title for only the sec ond time since 1996, and didn't qualify for the Tour Championship for the first time since turning nro

Eight shots back after the third day of the Hope, he made up ground with a fourth-round 64, then caught Ogilvie shortly after the final round began.

Leonard started the day by sinking a pair of birdies that drew him into a tie when Ogilvie started with a bogey and a par. Ogilvie then bogeyed No. 3 and Leonard's par put him alone at the top, where

he stayed. Leonard made the turn with a 3-under 33, and opened a four-shot lead over both Ogilvie and Clark with a birdie at No. 10. Not seriously threatened after another birdie at No. 11. Leonard turned conservative and narred the final eight holes

Ogilvie and Clark both birdied No. 18. while Leonard tapped in for par after just missing a 10-footer.

Peter Lonard of Australia, in second place two shots behind Ogilvie to start the day, had putting problems and struggled to a 72, leaving him tied for fourth at 24 under with Loren Roberts, who has a 69.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson who also won the title in 2002, shot himself out of contention when he hit into the water on the par-4 No. 13 and took a double

bogev. His 71 left him tied at 21 under. Craig Stadler, who won the Hope in 1980 finish tied for 14th at 340.

Dougherty wins Caltex Masters

SINGAPORE - England's Nick Dougherty won his first PGA European Tour title Sunday, shooting a 5-under 67 for a five-stroke victory in the Caltex Masters.

The 22-year-old Dougherty had an 18-under 270 total on the Laguna National's Masters Course. Scotland's Colin Montgomerie the 2004 winner closed with a 70 to tie for second with Dutchman Maarten Lafeber (69)

Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (72) finished fourth at 11 under in the tournament co-sanctioned by the Asian Tour.

'I'm absolutely delighted. When you're playing with Colin and Thomas, you really don't think it's over until it's over," Dougherty said after his bogey-free round. "Hopefully this is start of many great things to

Dougherty took control on the 16th hole. hitting his approach shot to 3 feet to set up a birdie that gave him a three-stroke lead Montgomerie, a stroke back after the 15th, three-putted for a bogev on No. 16.

"All in all, I think I just about played good enough golf today," Dougherty said.

Irwin leads after bogey-free round

KAHUKU, Hawaii - Four-time defending champion Hale Irwin shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 to take a two-stroke lead over Allen Dovle after two rounds of the Turtle Bay Championship.



Justin Leonard chips to the green on the second hole during the final round of the Bob Hope Classic on Sunday.

The 59-year-old Irwin is trying to win his fifth straight and sixth overall victory at Turtle Bay, the Champions Tour's first full-field event of the year.

Irwin putted just 23 times and had six birdies, moving to 11-under 133.

Doyle had just one bogey in his second round, getting three birdies on the front nine and three on the back for a 4-under 68 and a 9-under 135 total.

Boston: City reveling in success

BOSTON, FROM BACK PAGE

Crimson quarterback Ryan Fitzgerald went to the postseason Hula Bowl and Shrine all-star games and is getting attention from NFL scouts

"It's a tough town; we have to keep up with the Joneses," jokes Harvard head football coach Tim Murphy

Even the UMass men's basketball team had a moment of glory in December, upsetting defending national champion and Interstate 91 rival Connecticut then ranked No. 7 in the country.

If only the Celtics, who have struggled since their heyday in the 1980s, could get in on the act.

Boston and its sports teams have always seemed to be in the shadow of New York, despite the 16 basketball titles held by the Celtics, the Bruins' five Stanley Cups, and even the Patriots two Super Bowl wins. Only the Red Sox World Series victory seemed to ease that.

"It's changed the way people think of their city," said Brian Perry, wearing a Red Sox cap. "We've worried that we're not a world-class city, but especially since the Red Sox won, we're not quite as down on ourselves But O'Nan says it was the Patri-

ots who revived the city's dreams for the Red Sox. 'The Red Sox are THE team in

Boston. There's the Red Sox and there's everything else," former



Confetti drops as Boston Red Sox fans cheer on players during a rally in Roston to celebrate the team's World Series champion ship in October.

Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez now a New York Met — said this week. "I hope this can help get them (the Patriots) the same re-spect as the Red Sox because they deserve that

Tight end Christian Fauria who played seven seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and is now in his third season with New England, acknowledges the populari-ty of the Red Sox. But he says life is pretty good in Boston for a Pa-

"This is what I always thought football was going to be like, said Thursday as the team got back to Super Bowl preparations.

"I thought this is where the fans are into it. There's a lot of good stuff going on, a great sports city, so this is what I expected it to be AP sports writers Ronald Blum, Jimmy Golen and Howard Ulman contributed to this report

Mets catcher Piazza marries ex-Playmate, 'Baywatch' star

MIAMI - Mets catcher Mike Piazza married former Playboy Playmate and "Baywatch" star Alicia Rickter in a candlelight church ceremony.

With former Mets pitcher Al Leiter and Detroit Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez among the basehall stars in attendance Piazza and Rickter took their vows at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Saturday before boarding a yacht to a lavish reception at nearby Fisher Island

The 36-year-old catcher's best man was his brother Tony.

Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius Catanello of the Diocese of Brooklyn in New York performed the ceremony that was attended by about 120 people. He said Piazza was nervous "like a regular groom, but he's OK

Rickter, 32, wore a white satin Vera Wang gown and was joined by five bridesmaids, including maid of honor Angelica Bridges, a "Baywatch" co-star, and Playboy Playmates Brande Roderick

Player implicated in German soccer-fixing scandal

BERLIN - The first soccer player was implicated in Germany's widening game-fixing scandal Sunday, and prosecutors charged three men arrested in the case with fraud.

Michael Born, the business manager of third-division SC Paderborn, confirmed to The Associ-

Sports briefs

ated Press his team had informed the federation that one of its players was involved with the Croatian betting group allegedly behind the fixing.

Club president Wilfried Finke told Sportbild magazine his player was given money for Paderborn's 4-2 German Cup upset of Bundesliga team Hamburger SV in August. He did not identify the player

The game was one of at least four reported to have been rigged.

The investigation centers on referee Robert Hovzer, who is accused of accepting bribes from the betting group. Hoyzer refereed the Paderborn-Hamburg game, which was decided on two controversial penalty kicks.

After Hoyzer was questioned by authorities, police on Friday raided in four places in Berlin, including a cafe where the referee reportedly met with gamblers and bookmakers. Four men were arrested and three charged.

The scandal came to light when four referees tipped off authorities about possibly suspicious activities by Hoyzer. The Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper reported last week that Hovzer admitted receiving money for rigging three games and also implicated play-ers and other referees. He apparently has said no first division games were involved.

Gatti keeps WBC title with fifth-round knockout

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Arturo Gatti retained his WBC 140-pound title Saturday, stopping "Jesse" James Leija in the fifth round and avoiding the kind of slugfests that have made his ca-

Before a sellout crowd that cheered his every move, Gatti landed a hard overhand right on a retreating Leija, knocking him down early in the round. But Leija narrowly beat referee Earl Brown's 10-count and got to his feet just as Brown got to 10.

Gatti then teed off on him after that, finally dropping Leija for good with a left hand to the ear that toppled the former 130-pound champion. Leija, of San Antonio, managed to get to his knees but the referee called an end to the fight at 1:48 of the

The fight set up a possible June bout with unbeaten Floyd Mayweather Jr., that would be the richest of Gatti's career

Gatti (39-6) was never in trouble, and he was never cut as in many of his previous fights.

At the start of the fifth, he attacked quickly after the opening bell, landing a left, another left and then a right to Leija's head. setting the tempo for what was to

Gatti made \$2 million for the second defense of his WBC title. Leija made \$700,000.

After slow start, Safin rolls to title

BY PAUL ALEXANDER The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Marat Safin just needed a little time to get loosened up against Llevton Hewitt in the Australian Open final

And once he overcame a terrible start and put his game on track,

Safin proved unstoppable, winning in four sets Sunday night and deflating a crowd hungering for an Australian to win this event.

Safin won his second Grand Slam title, and his first in five years, with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory that helped make up for two finals losses in the Russian's last three appear ances on Melbourne Park's hard courts.

"It's really difficult to be lieve it," Safin said, looking at

the winner's trophy. "You need to get to your room, sit down and believe this is vours.

Hewitt was trying to become the first Aussie man to win the Australian Open since Mark Edmondson in 1976, when the event was played on grass at Kooyong.

Looking tight, the fourth-seeded Safin's serve was broken on four backhand errors in his first service game and he won only three points while falling behind 3-0. His biggest weapon, his serve, was erratic and ineffective

"The first set, you really couldn't call it nnis," Safin said. "I didn't believe I could play that badly

He chalked it up to nerves.

"I tried to come down," he said. "Then in the second set, I more or less got it togeth-After the third-seeded Hewitt hit a forehand out on match point, the outgoing Safin was surprisingly subdued, making only one fist pump.

Safin, who got a good luck cell phone text message from the only other Russian to win a men's Grand Slam title — Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the 1996 French Open and 1999 at Melbourne Park - thanked every-

one, including the crowd "even though 90 percent of you were for Hewitt.

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams downed top-ranked Lindsay Davenport in the women's final Saturday and will rise to second in the new rankings. Australians Scott Draper and Samantha Sto sur, a wild-card pair playing together for the first time won the mixed doubles earlier Sunday, defeating Kevin

Ullyett of Zimbabwe and Lie-zel Huber of South Africa 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (6). Safin won the U.S. Open in 2000 and rose soon afterward to No. 1, then plunged as low as 86th after injuries in 2003. He start ed his comeback here last year, and avenged his loss in that final to Roger Fed erer by ending the top-ranked Swiss star's

26-match winning streak in the semifinals. "You knocked off the guy who's nearly been impossible," said Hewitt, who will rise to No. 2 in the rankings, swanning places with Andy Roddick, "I didn't feel like I played that badly out there. You thoroughly deserve it."

Although he usually feeds off controver sy - angering three opponents with his on-court shouts and staredowns on his way to the final - Hewitt unraveled as Safin raised his game. The sellout crowd urged him on, but Hewitt couldn't feed off their energy this time.

'Some of his hitting from the back of the court late in the third set and then the whole fourth set was pretty incredible. said Hewitt, who began preparing months

ago to peak for his home Grand Slam. 'I'll be able to walk out with my head held high that I've given everything," he said, "But right at the moment, I'm human and I'm disappointed. To come that close, train so hard to put yourself in a position, it's hard to take at the moment.'

Hewitt was at the top of his game early, zipping from sideline to sideline while committing only one unforced error - to Safin's 13 - in the 23-minute first set and yielding only two points in his four service games. But as Safin got it together, Hewitt started slipping in the second set, yielding an early break and then another at 2-5 to even the match

With fist pumps and shouts of "Come on! Come on!" Hewitt saved two break points in the first game of the third set as tensions rose and both men's nerves frayed.

Hewitt screamed "No way!" at the umpire in the next game after an overrule on Safin's shot that he thought was long but TV replays showed was on the line.

Safin had his own fist pump and shout of "Vamos!" - Let's go - after one winner, but Hewitt broke serve when he guessed right on Safin's volley and stroked a backhand winner down the line. Safin sent a forehand long on the next point.

Safin, notorious for breaking rackets, spiked another one, but continued to play with it. He got his thighs massaged during the changeover after Hewitt held serve for a 3-0 lead, then complained to umpire Carlos Ramos in Spanish about another close call in the next game.

Hewitt was called for a foot fault on his first serve at 4-2, 30-40. He won the point after a long rally, then was given a code vio-



Marat Safin reacts to beating Lleyton Hewitt in the Austalian Open final

lation for unsportsmanlike conduct for screaming as he pointed at the line judge responsible for the call. Safin got back on serve on his third break point with a backhand winner down the line. Safin complained again to Ramos during the changeover.

Hewitt seemed to unravel. He foot-faulted again at 15-30 in his next service game and double-faulted at 30-40. Handed a 5-4 lead, Safin held serve for the set.

This time, it was Hewitt who sought a massage on the thigh muscles that have given him trouble throughout the tournament.

Safin, suddenly looking confident, rallied from a 40-15 deficit as Hewitt served in the first game of the fourth set, finishing off the break with an overhead winner and a backhand crosscourt pass.

It was the only break Safin needed, as he vielded only three points in his five service games in the set.

Paerson wins super-G; three Americans place in top 10

BY ERICA BULMAN

The Associated Press SANTA CATERINA VALEURVA Italy

Sweden's Anja Paerson won the super giant slalom in the Alpine World Ski Championships on Sunday for her first major international title in a speed race.

Julia Mancuso of the United States finished third in an event in which Americans placed three skiers in the top 10.

Paerson, a technical specialist who added the downhill and super-G to her repertoire only last season, tore down the Deborah Compagnoni course in 1 minute, 17.64 sec-

"This is unbelievable. I really hadn't counted on it," Paerson said. "Before the race, the most I had speculated was a third place. I was so nervous at the start. I gave everything. risked everything.
"This year, I fought so hard and trained so

much, and it's finally paying off. That I am now the world champion is unbelievable."

Lucia Recchia of Italy was second in 1:18.09

and Mancuso finished third in 1:18.40. For the United States, Lindsey Kildow was ninth and Kristen Clark 10th.

"Not perfect but I didn't make any mistakes as big as everyone else's," Mancuso said. "I thought it would be grippier, but it was fast and I made some mistakes from that, going a little straighter than I wanted in some places."

Kildow made several costly mistakes, veer ing exceptionally wide at one gate midway

World Cup super-G leader Renate Goetschl lost a pole at the top of the hill and finished 2.29 seconds off the pace. Two other Austrians, Michaela Dorfmeister and Alexandra Meissnitzer, went off course, missing a gate entirely

"The steep rock slope, where Michaela and



Julia Mancuso of the United States waves her national flag as she celebrates placing third in the super-G in the Alpine Ski World Championships in Santa Caterina Valfurva, Italy, on Sunday.

Alexandra went off course, was difficult, the curve comes so fast," Paerson said. "I also had problems there."

Hilde Gerg of Germany also had a difficult run that left her 1.43 back.

"Even with an error-free run today, it was not possible for the later starters," Gerg said. Three Italians finished in the top five, with Nadia Fanchini fourth in 1:18.43 and Isolde Kostner fifth in 1:18.54.

Paerson won last season's overall World Cup title largely on her strength in the technical disciplines. She also is the defending slalom and giant slalom World Cup champion. She has won only two World Cup races this season, a slalom in Maribor, Slovenia, this month and the season-opening giant slalom in Soelden, Austria.

World Alpine Championships

Sunday At Santa Caterina Valfurya, Italy

Super-G 1. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 1 minute, 17.64 econds. 2. Lucia Recchia, Italy, 1:18,09.

2. Lucia Recchia, Italy, 1:18.09.
3. Julia Mancuso, United States, 1:18.40.
4. Nadia Fanchini, Italy, 1:18.43.
5. Isoide Kostner, Italy, 1:18.54.
6. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:18.67.
7. Andrea Fischbacher, Austria, 1:18.73.
8. Nadia Styger, Switzerland, 1:18.79.
9. Lindsey Kildow, United States, 1:18.82.
10. Kirsten Clark, United States, 1:18.82.

Kirsten Clark, United States, 1:18-94.
 Slivia Berger, Austria, 1:19-00.
 Caroline Lalive, United States, 1:19-03.
 Hilde Gerg, Germany, 1:19-07.
 Karen Putzer, Italy, 1:19-11.
 Carolina Ruiz-Castillo, Spain, 1:19-15.
 Sylviane Berthod, Switzerland, 1:19-20.
 Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 1:19-33.
 Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 1:19-33.

1:19.33.
19. Janette Hargin, Sweden, 1:19.51.
19. Janette Hargin, Sweden, 1:19.51.
21. Ernily Brydon, Canada, 1:19.62.
22. Chlimen & Gootto, Britain, 1:19.83.
23. Renate Geetschi, Austria, 1:19.83.
24. Renate Geetschi, Austria, 1:19.83.
25. Keelly Vanderbeek, Canada, 1:20.35.
26. Genevieve Simard, Canada, 1:20.51.
27. Lucle Hristkova, Czech Republic, 1:20.28.
28. Jessica Lindel-Vikarby, Sweden, 1:21.02.

29. Mojca Suhadolc, Slovenia, 1:21.20. 30. Sarah Schaedler, Liechtenstein, 1:21.9 31. Tina Weirather, Liechtenstein, 1:22.08 IIII Weiratner, Liecntenstein
 Urska Rabic, Slovenia, 1:22.15
 Jelena Lolovic, Serbia and Mo
 1:22.36.

122.36.
34. Tatlana Blagoullak, Russia, 1:23.11.
35. Alena Kasakova, Russia, 1:23.53.
36. Anita Irarrazabal, Chile, 1:25.17.
37. Jana Staffenova, Slovakia, 1:26.72.
38. Tilu Nurmberg, Estonia, 1:32.35.
Did Not Start

Bianca-Andreea Narea, Romania.

Did Not Finish

Martina Ertl, Germany; Carole MonIllet-Carles, France; Alexandra Meissnitzer Austria; Michaela Dorfmeister, Austria; Alli-son Forsyth, Canada; Cathrine Meisingset Norway. Ņ

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
oston	21	23		-					
hiladelphia	20	23	.465	1/2					
lew York			.419	21/2					
lew Jersey		26	.409	3					
oronto	18	26	.409	3					
Soul	heast Divis	ion							
tiami	33	13	.717	-					
Vashington	26	17	.605	51/2					
rlando		19	.558	71/2					
harlotte	9	31	.225	21					
tlanta	8	34	.190	23					
	ntral Divisio	n n							
leveland	25	17	.595	_ _ 3					
etroit	26	18	.591	-					
hicago	22	20	.524	3					
ndiana	20	22	476	5					
filwaukee		26	.366	91/2					

Western Conference									
Southwest Division									
W L Pct GB									
San Antonio Dallas	36	10 14	.783	-6					
Memphis		20		101/					
	20	21	.533	111/					
Houston									
New Orleans	. 8	35	.186	261/					
Northwes	t Divis	ion							
Seattle	30	12	.714	-					
Minnesota	24		.545	7					
Denver	19	25	432	12					
Portland		25	405	13					
Utah		30	333	161/					
Pacific	Divisio	_30	.333	10%					
Phoenix		10	.778	-					
Sacramento	30	13	.698	4					
L.A. Lakers	22	19	.537	11					
L.A. Clippers	21	23	477	137					
Golden State	12	32	.273	221/					
Saturday's games									
Orlando 103, Washir	igton 9	7							

Orland on Saturday's games Orland on Washington 97 (1940) 319 (194 n State 85

Houston at Boston Memphis at New Orleans San Antonio at Seattle New York at L.A. Clippers Tuesday's games

Tuesday's g Detroit at Washington Cleveland at Orlando Chicago at New Jersey Phoenix at Memphis Minnesota at Milwaukee Miami at Dallas Midmi at Dallas New York at Denver Seattle at Sacramento Portland at L.A. Lakers

Saturday Magic 103, Wizards 97

Magic 103, Wizards 97

"MeANDO - Hill 10-67-107; Howard 57

"The Buttle 24-62, Controlle 5-14-68, 16-7

Weshington - Jameson 6-21-5-81, 8, 16-7

"Buttle 24-24-68, 16-7

"Weshington - Jameson 6-21-5-81, 8, 18-7

"Weshington - Jameson 6-21-5-81, 8, 18-7

"Weshington - Jameson 6-21-6-7

"Weshington - Jameson 6-21-6-7

"Weshington - Jameson - Jam

Pistons 91. Knicks 61

PISTORIS 9.1, ARICKS 9.1
NEW YORK – Ariza 3-P.0-6, Infinosa 3-11
0-56, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Crawford 5-14-6,
0-56, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Crawford 5-14-6,
0-56, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Crawford 5-14-6,
0-76, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Crawford 5-P.0-16,
0-76, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Crawford 5-P.0-16,
0-76, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Mohammed 3-P.0-16,
0-76, Mohammed 3-P.0-16, Mohammed 3-P.0-

18 17 13 13-61 20 19 27 25-91 1-4, Sundov 0-1, Crawford 0-5), Detroit 3-10 (R.Wallace 1-2, Hunter 1-2, Billups 1-3, B.Wal-

(R.Wallace 1-2, Hunter 1-2, Billúps 1-3, B.Wal lace 0-1, Hamilton 0-2). Fouled Out—None Rebounds—New York 43 (Mohammed, T.Tho mas 7), Detroit 54 (B.Wallace 11). As sists—New York 15 (Ariza 4), Detroit 29 (Bil lups 10). Total Touls—New York 17, Detroi 18. A—22,076. (22,076).

Grizzlies 84. Hawks 83

ATLANTA — Walker 7-19 1-4 17, Harringtor 5-11 7-8 18, Ekezie 0-3 0-0 0, Lue 7-11 2-2 17, J.Smith 5-7 0-0 10, Childress 1-8 2-2 4, Willis 0-0 0-0 0, Delk 5-8 2-3 15, Ivey 0-2 0-0 0, Dlaw 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 31-73 14-19 83. 1-4 0-0 2: Totals 31-73 14-1983, 0-2 0-0, DIAW MEMPHS — Battier 6-9 1-2 15, Swift 2-8 0-0 4. Tsakaidid: 2-3 0-0 4, Williams 9-14-44-23, MMiller 10-21 0-0 21, Wright 2-6 0-2 4, Was son 1-4 0-0, 2 Wells 1-6 0-2 2, Cardinal 2-40-0 6, Jones 1-3 1-2 3, Humphrey 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 6-12 84

Allanta, 19 27 23 14—83 Memphis Allanta, 19 27 23 14—83 Memphis Miles Park (Pale 14) 15 27 19 18 20—84 Memphis Miles Park (Pale 14) 16 20 ta 18, Memphis ZZ. Technicals—Atianica fensive Three Second, Walker, Memphis fensive Three Second. A—18,119. (18,119)

Nets 99, Jazz 82

NEW JERSEY - Buford 5-11 0-0 10, Krstic 5-10 1-2 13, Jas. Collins 3-4 4-6 10, Kidd 5-10 5-10 1-2 13, Jas. Collins 3-4 4-6 10, Kidd 5-10 5-10 1-2 12, Jas. Collins 3-4 4-6 10, Kidd 5-10 10 1-2 1-2 1, Jas. Collins 3-6 0-6, Best 1-1 0-0 10 1-2 1-2 1, Jas. Collins 2-1 2-10, Jas. Collins 3-10 10 1-2 1-2 1, Jas. Collins 2-1 3-4, Boscor 4-12 0-0 8, Borchardt 2-2 3-7, Lopez 1-7 0-9, Glincke 5-12 1-6, Elsey 1-1 0-8, Jas. Collins 3-7 0-0 0, Olav 2-5, 5-2 6, Harpring 3-6 1-2 8, Bell 1-2 1, State 1-2 1, Sta

Nuggets 95. Pacers 88

DBUYER — Anthony 5:13 5:7 fb. Marins 5:1 DBUYER — Anthony 5:13 5:7 fb. Marins 5:1 Addiller 0-5:4-4, Boylins 3-9-4-10, D.Johnson 10-0 2, Nene 4-7-3-11, Russell 4-4-4-13, RIOMAM — Jackson 5:1-0-0;14, O'Neal 7-18 BOMAM — Jackson 5:1-0-0;14, O'Neal 7-18 DBUAM — Jackson 5:1-0-0;14,

Indiana 19 28 26 15—88
Three-Point Goals—Denver 1-2 (Russell
1-1, D.Johnson 0-1), Indiana 9-25 (Jackson
4-6, JJones 2-2, F.Jones 1-2, R.Alliller 1-4, Trinsley 1-7, Bender 0-1, O'Neal 0-1, Gill 0-1),
Fouled Out-None. Rebounds—Denver 43
(Camby 12), Indiana 50 (O'Neal, Jackson 10),
Assists—Denver 21 (Boykins 6), Indiana 23
(Tinsley 10), Total Fouls—Denver 19, Indiana
24, Teclinicals—Denver Delnerisher Three Sec. ond 2, Indiana Defensive Three Second, lev. Elected—Tinslev. A—18.345, (18.345)

Celtics 101, Bulls 97

BOSTON - Pierce 2-12: 13-17: 18, Lafrentz - 11: 19-10. Bound 2-3; 28. Payton 6-14: 5-11: 5-10. Bound 2-3; 28. Payton 6-14: 5-11: 5-10. Bound 2-3; 28. Payton 6-14: 5-12: 5-13: 5-12:

communications 24 of 98. B Prigo 1.4 12.3. Brigoton 1.5 of 1.5 of

Spurs 93, Hornets 83

NEW ORLEANS — Nailon 6-10 0-0 12, Roger 2-11 1-1 6, P.Brown 5-10 2-2 12, Smith 5-9 0-1 13, Dickau 6-13 3-4 16, Harrington 0-4 0-0,0 cobsen 2-6 1-1 5, Andersen 4-7 0-0 8, Vromar 1-2 1-4 3, Nachbar 1-2 0-1 2, Lampe 3-3 0-0 6

1-2.1-3, Nachbar 1-2-0-12, Lampe 3-3 0-0 p. Totals 35-77 8-13-83.
SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 4-5-1-2-11, Duncan 4-9-4-5-12, Horry 5-10-0-11, Ginobill 8-13-0-0-17, Parker 8-17-7-11-23, Massenburg 0-2-0-0-17, Parker 8-17-7-11-23, Massenburg 0-2-0-0-18, Totals 3-47-2-2-3-0-3, D. Brown 0-0-0-0. Totals 34-72-2-3-0-93.

3. D. Brown 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 34-72-2-3-0-93.

New Orleans San Antonio Three-Point Goals San Artonio
Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 5-11
(Smith 3-5, Dickau 1-2, Ropers 1-3, Nachbar
(Smith 3-5, Dickau 1-2, Ropers 1-3, Nachbar
(3-1), Norny 1-4, Barry 1-5, Prafter 6-1, Wilks
(9-1), Fouled Out-Mone, Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (Andersen 6), San Artonio 49 (Dunleans 46 (Andersen 6), San Artonio 49 (Dunfouled Standard 1-1), Andersen 6-1, Andronio Defensive
Three Second 2. A – 18,797 (18,595)

76ers 93. Mavericks 89

Toers 93, mawericas or PHIADELPHIA — Thomas 516-01 12, kov-r 5-8 4-4 16, Dalembert 1-3 3-4 5, Iguodala 11 0-9, Green 412-0-9, Jackson 3-12-2-2, McKlet 1-3 0-2, Salmons 5-11 5-5 18, Will-14 5-10, McKlet 1-3 0-1 14-5 15, Will-DALLAS — NowYiki 7-25 11-14 5, Stack-ousse 6-14-5-16, Dampler 6-11 2-414, Finicey DALLAS — NowYiki 7-25 11-14 5, Dampler 12-20 0-18, Terry 6-12-2-15, Developer 12-20 0-18, Terry 6-12-2-15, Developer 12-20 1-18, Terry 1-18,

Philadesphia Three-Point Goals-Philadelphia 6-10 (Salmons 2-2, Rovney 2-5, Iguodala 1-1, Green 1-2), Dallas 4-15 (Finley 2-6, Armstrong 1-1, Terry 1-4, Dev.Harris 0-1, Stackhouse 0-1, Stackh

Clippers 96, Warriors 85

GOLDEN STATE — Mike.Dunleavy 8-18 4-5 22, Najera 2-4 1-3 5, Foyle 1-3 0-0 2, Richard-50-12-26 2-2 29, Fisher 5-9 0-0 12, Pietrus 2-5 0-5, Davis 2-5 1-25, Cheaney 2-41-15, Robin-son 0-2 0-0 0, Flores 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 34-77 9-13 85.

9-13 85.

LA. CLIPPERS — Simmons 3-15 5-6 11, Brand 12-18 3-3 27, Kaman 3-10 1-2 7, Ross 1-3 0-2, Brunson 6-11 0-0 17, Rebraca 6-9 7-7, Jaric 4-12 - 12, Moro 1-3 0-0 2, Wilcox 0-1 1-2 1, Chalmers 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-83

6-22 96. Golden State L.A. Clippers

NBA leaders Through Jan. 29

Scoring									
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG				
Iverson, Phil.	38	372	316	1105	29.1				
Bryant, LAL	34	285	298	934	27.5				
Nowitzki, Dall.	41	359		1106	27.0				
Stoudemire, Phoe.	45	429	315	1173	26.1				
McGrady, Hou.	41	372	222	1048	25.6				
James, Člev.	41	392	201	1026	25.0				
Arenas, Wash.	41	313	270	997	24.3				
Allen, Sea.	42	338	220	1006	24.0				
Wade, Mia,	41	326	303	958	23.4				
O'Neal, Mia.	44	396	225	1017	23.1				
Garnett, Minn.	43	367		983	22.9				
Pierce, Bos.	44	308	304	972	22.1				
Richardson, G.S.	35	309	104	773	22.1				
	bou								
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG				
Garnett, Minn.	43	140	477	617	14.3				
B. Wallace, Det.	36	144	294	438	12.2				
Duncan, S.A.	46	157	392	549	11.9				
Murphy, G.S.	42	144	327	471	11.2				
Okafor, Char.	40	159	285	444					
Okafor, Char. Marion, Phoe.	45	132	354	486	10.8				
O'Neal, Mia.	44	156	314	470	10.7				
Odom, LAL	41	86	334	420	10.2				
Nowitzki, Dall.	41	52	362		10.1				
	ssis								

Frustrated Heat get past Rockets

MIAMI - Stan Van Gundv's mood was somber. A steamed Shaquille O'Neal skipped postgame interviews.

Good thing the Miami Heat

won, or the fallout may have been Dwyane Wade had 30 points

eight rebounds and six assists, helping the Heat overcome a frus tration-filled day for O'Neal and defeat the Houston Rockets 104-95 on Sunday.

Wade had 12 of his points in the fourth quarter for Miami, which won its third straight — and improved Stan Van Gundy's record to 2-1 when facing his brother, Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy. It's not a matchup either coach looks forward to, and winning simply doesn't feel the same when it

comes at a sibling's expense.
"On nights that he loses, you feel bad," Stan Van Gundy said. "I'd rather not have to do it, but we have to. It's not as much fun as

Foul trouble limited O'Neal to 27 minutes; he had 15 points and five rebounds, but did come up with a crucial three-point play in the final minute to help seal the

Udonis Haslem hit his first seven shots from the floor and finished with 16 for Miami, as did Damon Jones, Eddie Jones added 11, meaning all five Heat starters hit double figures for the second straight game

Tracy McGrady had 28 points on 10-for-26 shooting — for Houston.

ngs 94. Timberwolves 84: At Minneapolis, Brad Miller had 27 points, 15 rebounds and plenty of help picking up the slack for two injured stars, sparking Sacra-mento over sluggish Minnesota.

The Sacramento backcourt. Cuttino Mobley (23 points) and Mike Bibby (21 points), com-bined for 34 points over the final two quarters following a slow first half. All-Star forwards Peia Stojakovic (back spasms) and Chris Webber (sore left knee) didn't dress for the Kings.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota, which had its five-game winning streak end rag-

gedly. In Saturday's games:

Magic 103. Heat 97: Steve Francis scored 32 points, and host Washington missed crucial free throws down the stretch, giving Orlando a sweep of back-to-back games between the Southeast Division contenders.

Francis made an off-balance, turnaround 14-footer with 24 seconds left to put the Magic ahead for good. He was 13-for-26 with nine rebounds and seven assists.

Pistons 91. Knicks 61: In Auburn Hills, Mich., Richard Hamilton scored 18 points and Detroit held slumping New York to its lowest point total of the season.

Chauncey Billups and Antonio McDyess each scored 16 points for the Pistons, who moved into a first-place tie with Cleveland in the Central Division with their third straight win.



Nuggets 95, Pacers 88: Kenvon Martin scored 25 points and had five steals and Denver won its second straight under new coach George Karl. It was the fourth straight loss

for the Pacers and their first at home against the Nuggets in 10 Grizzlies 84, Hawks 83: Jason

Williams scored 23 points and had eight assists, Mike Miller added 21 points, and Memphis hung on to beat travel-weary At-

Tyronn Lue's fallaway 10-foot-er at the horn for Atlanta bounced off the rim, sending the Hawks to their fourth straight loss.

The Hawks were stranded in Atlanta overnight as icy conditions prevented them from flying out after Friday's loss to Miami. The team arrived at the FedExForum about an hour later than originally scheduled

Nets 99, Jazz 82: Vince Carter made his first five shots on his way to 30 points for the second straight game, and visiting New Jersey won its season-high third straight. Carter was 5-for-5 from

three-point range and scored on a variety of drives as New Jersey never trailed. It was Carter's second straight 30-point game.

Jason Kidd scored 19 points

and Nenad Krstic added 13 for the Nets

76ers 93, Mavericks 89: John Salmons scored a season-high 19 points and Kyle Korver had 16 as Philadelphia won on the road without Allen Iverson.

Iverson, leading the NBA in scoring at 29 points per game, missed his third straight game due to a strained left rotator cuff Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 25 points, nine rebounds and a ca-

reer-high six blocked shots Celtics 101, Bulls 97: Ricky Davis scored eight fourth-quarter points to spark a late rally, and Gary Payton hit the go-ahead three-pointer for visiting Boston,

which snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak. The surprising Bulls finished January 13-3, two of the losses to

Spurs 93, Hornets 83: Tony Parker scored 23 points and had 10 assists, and San Antonio im proved to 23-1 at home. The Hornets, sporting the

NBA's worst record at 8-35, trailed by only four points after three quarters. But the Spurs opened the fourth with an 8-0 rur as New Orleans missed its first 10 shots.

Clippers 96, Warriors 85: Elton Brand overcame early foul trouble to score 27 points and the Clippers completed their first season sweep of the visiting War-

Sixth-man Zeljko Rebraka scored 17 of his season-high 19 points in the first half and had a career-high 16 rebounds.

Raptors suspend Alston for two games During a loss to Boston on Dec. 3. "It would be helpful for him as

TORONTO - The Toronto Rantors suspended point guard Rafer Alston for two games on Sunday for his conduct at practice a day

Alston won't be paid and will not be allowed to practice until Thursday, Toronto coach Sam Mitchell wouldn't say what Alston did but said he needs to rein in his emotions.

far as furthering his career. Mitchell said. "His passion is his strength, but sometimes it can be a weakness. You got to control your emotions."

Alston missed Sunday's game against Phoenix and will miss Wednesday's game at Indiana. Milt Palacio started in Alston's place against the Suns.

This isn't the first time Alston has been in trouble with the team.

Mitchell told Alston to get off his bench after he received a technical foul. Mitchell benched him for the rest of the game and the next game. Alston was so upset, he threatened to leave the team and quit the NBA altogether before later backtracking.

Alston signed a six-year con-tract worth between \$27 million and \$30 million this past summer The Raptors are 1-8 when Al-

ston scores 20 or more points.

Apparently no deficit too big for Pitt

Panthers come back from 17 down and top No. 4 Syracuse

BY ALAN ROBINSON

PITTSBURGH — Syracuse couldn't have asked for a better start as it tried to become the first visiting team to win in successive seasons in Pitt's new arena. The Orange's biggest mistake was letting the game get away long before the finish.

Carl Krauser and Chevon Troutman led Pittsburgh's second consecutive comeback from a 17-point deficit against a ranked opponent, withstanding long scoreless stretches to drive the No. 20 Panthers to a 76-69 victory over fourth-ranked Syracuse on Saturday night.

Pittsburgh, rallying much as it did the previous Saturday in beating then-No. 16 Connecticut 76-66, took command by holding Syracuse scoreless for 6½ minutes in a 13-0 run midway through the second half.

The Orange (20-2, 7-1 Big East) opened a 22-5 lead by holding Pitt to two field goals in the first 10 minutes. Syracuse ended Pit-t's 40-game home winning streak last season by becoming the first visiting team to win in the Petersen Events Center, which opened for the 2002-03 season.

"It didn't feel like we were down 17," Pitt's Levon Kendall said. "We made a lot of mental mistakes that gave them open shots, and we knew that if we played as well as we could, it wouldn't be a problem coming back. It wasn't anything to get worried about."

Apparently not Krauser got all of his 19 points in the second half after not scoring for nearly 23 minutes and Troutman, held scoreless for the first 14½ minutes, had 18 points and nine rebounds for Pitt (14-3, 4-2). The Panthers outrebounded Syracuse 39-28.

Keith Benjamin, a seldom-used freshman guard who had scored only two points in Pitt's previous 13 games, keyed the comeback by coming off the bench for 10 points—as many as he had all season.



Pittsburgh's Chris Taft, right, is fouled by Syracuse's Craig Forth in a scramble for a rebound during the first half Saturday night. No. 20 Pittsburgh beat No. 4 Syracuse 76-69.

"It's been a long wait to go out there and show what I could do," said Benjamin, who was slowed earlier by a foot injury. "Coach (Jamie Dixon) gave me an opportunity and I wanted to bring some energy to the

Gerry McNamara scored 26 points and Hakim Warrick had 25, but no other Syra-

cuse player scored more than four as the Orange's 13-game winning streak ended. McNamara went 14 minutes without a basket during the second half before hitting three late three-pointers.

"We can't win with only two guys scoring — we need better balance," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "People are

going to do what they can to take Gerry and Hakim away, and we need our other guys in those situations. Two guys are not going to win a game in this league."

Boeheim felt the game swung when the Panthers went into a 2-3 zone in the second half — Syracuse's preferred defense — but the Orange still couldn't get open shots.

"We actually wanted them to play the zone, but they made shots and we couldn't," Boeheim said. "Our failure to attack the zone was our biggest shortcom-

Pitt was 13-for-26 in the second half to Syracuse's 10-for-28.

McNamara was in double figures with 10 points before Pitt made its second field goal of the game, but Benjamin came off the bench to hit two quick baskets and start the Panthers on a 22-9 run that cut Syracuse's lead to 31-27.

Pitt tied it for the first time at 38 on Krauser's second three-pointer in two possessions before Syracuse answered with a quick 6-0 run for a 44-38 lead.

Benjamin's three-pointer and two free throws and Aaron Gray's tap-in started a 13-0 run that put Pitt up by seven. At that point, Pitt had outscored Syracuse 46-22 since trailing by 17.

Dixon went to Benjamin mostly out of desperation after freshman guard Ronald Ramon quickly drew three fouls and starting guard Antonio Graves had trouble getting open shots. Graves failed to score in

"We had a lot of sophomores and freshmen out there and guys who hadn't played a lot, but they played like they had been there in those situations," Dixon said.

The Panthers had lost three of five, including successive home games to Bucknell and Georgetown, before beating Connecticut and Syracuse. The turnaround began when Krauser began cutting down on his turnovers and quit forcing shots. "In the first half I was looking for my

teammates and letting the game come to me," Krauser said. "In the second half, I felt a sense of urgency to get things going." The Orange, the highest-ranked oppo-

The Orange, the highest-ranked opponent to play at the Petersen Center, were playing their first ranked opponent since losing to then-No. 5 Oklahoma State 74-60

Jayhawks make it look easy in rout of Texas



Kansas coach Bill Self makes a point to an official during the sixth-ranked Jayhawks' 90-65 rout of Texas on Saturday night.

BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas' best game of the season turned out to be Rick Barnes' worst Big 12 loss ever.

With a smothering defense and 27 points from Wayne Simien, No. 6 Kansas romped past No. 16 Texas 90-65 Saturday night, handing Barnes his most lopsided setback in a conference game in seven years with the Longhorns.

"Those are the best two halves we've put together all year, by far," Aaron Miles, Kansas' senior point guard, Aaron Miles, said.

"Offensively, we shared the ball and executed," Miles, the Big 12's career assists leader, said. "Defensively, we played great team defense. We made them take tough shots. That's the kev."

The Longhorns (15-5, 4-3), down to eight scholarships players because of injuries and academic problems, were never in it, falling to 0-5 in Allen Fieldhouse since the Big 12 was formed in 1996. They committed a season-high 20 turnovers.

"They were good," Barnes said. "We really didn't give ourselves a chance. In the first half they had 14 points off our turnowner."

Keith Langford had 17 points and Miles had 10 points and eight assists for the Jayhawks (16-1, 6-0), who took over the Big 12 lead with the surprisingly one-sided romp over a team that beat them twice last sea-

Keyed by Jeff Hawkins' three-pointer at the buzzer, the Jayhawks closed the first half on a 14-4 run, taking a 43-28 lead.

half on a 14-4 run, taking a 43-28 lead.

Determined to keep the momentum, they came out firing in the second half and quickly built the lead to 21 points.

"That's what we were thinking." Miles said. "There have been games this year where we'd be up by 15 points and then we'd let a team back in. We can't be like that. Good teams like Texas can get back in the game, so you have to put your foot on their throat and not let them back."

Simien started the second half by stealing a pass and then Miles hit a three-pointer. Christian Moody blocked a shot and fed Langford for another basket.

"It was a collective effort. It was probably our most complete game of the season." Simien said.

A moment later, J.R. Giddens hit a three-pointer that put the Jayhawks on top 51-30. Texas got no closer than 16 in the Barnes' previous worst conference loss was 83-59 at Oklahoma on Jan. 31, 2000.

"They were great tonight," Daniel Gibson, Texas' freshman point guard, said. "They came out aggressive."

Gibson, who went 6-for-6 from behind the arc against Texas Texh on Tuesday night and had averaged almost 22 points in his last three games, had only four points in the first half. He wound up with 19, and earned the respect of the Jayhawks.

"He's going to be a great guard in this conference," Miles said. "When they were down, he kind of took it upon himself to say, 'You know what? OK, I'm going to try to do something." And he made shots. He made plays in the second half. I like that in a young player."

Jason Klotz and Kenton Paulino each had 12 for the Longhorns, who shot only 37 percent to Kansas' 50 percent.

"That (Kansas) is probably the best team in the Big 12," Klotz said. "They played great."

Texas, after hitting 14 of 21 from beyond the arc in its previous game, made only four of 23 Saturday night.

"Our offense early got us in trouble," Barnes said. "It wasn't our defense."

Notre Dame's inside game too much for Connecticut

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Torin Francis scored 19 points and Notre Dame used strong inside play to surprise No. 19 Connecticut 78-74 on Sunday.

After shooting 50 percent for most of the game, Connecticut missed its final five shots including a breakaway layup by Marcus Williams that would have tied the game at 76 with 15 seconds left. Instead. Williams fouled Chris Thomas on the rebound and Thomas made two free throws to give the Irish a four-point lead

Connecticut (12-5, 4-3 Big East) missed its final two three-point attempts as time ran out, giving Notre Dame its first victory over a ranked team since beating the ninth-ranked Huskies a year ago Thomas had 11 of his 15 points in the second half for the Irish (13-5, 5-3), who had lost two straight.

No. 10 Washington 79, Arizona St. 70: At Tempe, Ariz., Nate Robinson scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half and Washington moved back into a tie with Arizona for first place in the Pac-10

The Huskies (17-3, 7-2 Pac-10) lost 92-83 at No. 11 Arizona on Thursday night. But Washington State upset Arizona on Saturday, clearing the way for the Huskies to regain a share of the conference lead by beating Arizona State.

Ike Diogu had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Arizo na State, his 80th double-digit scoring game in his 80-game collegiate career.

Kevin Kruger added 12 points but had five turn-overs, while Steve Moore scored 11 and Bryson Krueger 10 for the Sun Devils (15-6, 4-5).

Robinson, bouncing back from a sub-par game at Arizona, was 8-for-12 from the field, including 6-for-8 in the second half, and was 2-for-4 on three-nointers



drive past Connecticut's Josh Boone (21) during Sunday's 78-74 upset of the 19th-ranked Huskies.



Tre Simmons scored 15 points and Brandon Roy had 12 for Wash-ington. Jamaal Williams added 11 points, six during the decisive 11-0 second-half run. In Saturday games:

No. 7 Kentucky 68. Arkansas 67: At Favetteville, Ark., Patrick Sparks hit what proved to be the deciding basket with 24.2 seconds left as Ken-tucky (16-2, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) held on.

Eric Ferguson countered Sparks' shot with a three-pointer, pulling Arkansas within a point. The Wildcats' Chuck Hayes missed a free throw, and Ferguson got the rebound but missed a three-point

try at the buzzer. Ronnie Brewer had 18 for Arkansas (14-6, 2-5).

No. 8 Boston College 64, Georgetown 49: At Boston, Craig Smith had 20 points and eight re-bounds, and unbeaten Boston College shut out Geor-getown for a 15-minute span in the first half.

Jared Dudley scored 13 for BC (18-0, 7-0 Big East), which is one shy of the longest winning streak in school history — 19 straight in 1968-69.

Brandon Bowman scored 16 points for Georgetown (13-6, 5-3). The Hoyas, who lost for just the third time in 12 games, haven't beaten a top 10 team since 1996.

No. 12 Louisville 105, Tulane 69: At New Orleans. Francisco Garcia had 21 points to lead six double-figure scorers as the Cardinals (18-3, 6-2 Conference USA) routed Tulane (8-11, 2-6).

The Cardinals won their seventh straight game and 12th in the last 13. Louisville has won by an average of 32.9 points during its winning streak ouisville led by 19 after 10 minutes and pushed

the margin to as many as 44. The Cardinals finished with 20 steals, one off the school record. lowa St. 74, No. 13 Oklahoma 66: At Ames Iowa, Curtis Stinson scored 23 points and Iowa State (9-8, 1-5 Big 12) relied on its short-range game to end a 10-game winning streak by Oklahoma (16-3, 5-1). Jared Homan added 14 points for Iowa State,

which did not make a basket outside 10 feet but out-

scored the Sooners 48-28 inside Taj Gray led Oklahoma with 21 points.

No. 15 Michigan St. 92, Oakland, Mich. 75: At East Lansing, Mich., Maurice Ager scored 22 points and Michigan State (14-3) pulled away in the second half in its final tuneup for Tuesday's Big Ten showdown with Illinois.

Shannon Brown, Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert each had 13 points for the Spartans, who have won 11 of their last 12 and all 10 home games this season

No. 17 Gonzaga 91, Portland 79: At Spokane, Wash., J.P. Batista had 25 points and 12 rebounds and Gonzaga (15-4, 5-2 West Coast Conference) made 34 of 39 free throws to withstand a second-half rally by Portland (13-9, 2-5).

Portland (13-9, 2-5), the last WCC team to beat Gonzaga at home, trailed by as many as 14 in the first half but held several leads in the second half before fading. Pooh Jeter led the Pilots with 22 points.

No. 18 Wisconsin 76, Penn St. 50: At State College. Pa., Kammron Taylor scored 20 points as Wisconsin (14-4, 5-2 Big Ten) beat Penn State (7-13, 1-6). The Badgers bounced back after a loss to top-ranked Illinois that ended a 38-game home winning streak ron Johnson had 17 points and 11 rebounds for

Penn State

No. 21 Cincinnati 87, Houston 68: At Cincinnati, James White scored a career-high 25 points, making every type of shot, and added 10 rebounds to lead Cincinnati (17-3, 6-1 Conference USA) over Houston (12-9, 3-4)

Jason Maxiell also had 10 rebounds, 14 points and eight blocks, helping the Bearcats roll to their 10th straight victory over a team they traditionally dominate. Houston is 1-22 against Cincinnati, which leaves next season for the Big East.

No. 23 Iowa 72, Indiana 57: At Iowa City, Pierre Pierce, one of four Iowa starters benched at the beginning of the game for lackluster play, scored 25 points to lead the Hawkeyes (15-5, 3-4 Big Ten) past Indiana (9-9, 4-3).



State's Tyler Smith during the first half of Saturday night's game at the Air Force Academy. Air Force (13-7) beat San Diego State 62-50.

Air Force wins 23rd straight home game

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. Jacob Burtschi scored 16

points and Air Force beat San

Diego State 62-50 on Saturday night, the Falcons' 23rd straight victory at home. Air Force (13-7, 4-1 Mountain

West) moved into sole possession of second



place in the conference by extending the nation's second-longest home win-

The Falcons started cold from three-point range and trailed by a point at the half.

Air Force's Nick Welch, who finished with 10 points, made a layup with 13:48 left in the game to start a 10-1 run. A three-point-er by Tim Keller put Air Force up er by Tim Keiler put 41-30 with 10:10 left to play.

A three-pointer by Marc Holum with 9:14 to play started another run that ended with a three-pointer by Matt McCraw at 2:41 that gave Air Force a 54-37

lead over the Aztecs (9-9, 3-2). In Sunday games:

Navy 66, Bucknell 62: At Annapolis, Md., Greg Sprink scored 17 points as Navy upset Patriot League leader Bucknell (14-6, 5-2 Patriot), the Middies' seconbd straight victory. Navy (6-14, 2-5) clinched it by

making 10 of 11 free throws down the stretch. Navy took the lead for good at 63-62 with 21.7 seconds to go on two free throws by freshman Corey Johnson. George O'-Garro added two free throws with 18 seconds left. Bucknell's Kevin Bettencourt missed a three-pointer with nine seconds to go and Sprink made the clinching free throw with 7.4 seconds to play

Lafayette 66, Army 49: At Easton, Pa., Sean Knitter and Jamaal Douglas each scored 14 points as Lafavette (6-14, 2-5) won a match of Patriot League tailenders.

Cory Sinning scored 16 points and Matt Bell added 10 points for Army (3-16, 1-6)

Army trailed 36-30 with 14 minutes remaining when Knitter scored on four straight possesand Pat Betley's sions, and Pat Betley's three-pointer gave the Leopards a 47-35 advantage with 8:26 re-

SPORTS

Air Force beats San Diego St. to extend home win streak. Page 31

▲ **/**icked awesome

Boston sports fans finally have something to brag about in more than one sport

BY SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD The Associated Press

BOSTON - It's time for Boston sports fans to gloat for a change.

Heck, the Boston Red Sox finally conquered the New York Yankees and then won a World

Series. Now the New England Patriots are trying to win their third Super Bowl in four years. "It doesn't get any better, it really doesn't," said novelist Stewart O'Nan, who collaborated with his friend and fellow Red Sox fan, horror

writer Stephen King, on "Faithful," a diary of the 2004 Red Sox season.

Last year began with the Patriots winning the Super Bowl. Then from spring through sum-

They'd grown accustomed to the usual swan dive after the All-Star break. But this time the team went on a tear. Could it actually happens Could this be "the year" for which generations of die-hard fans had pined? Fall usually brought heartbreak to Boston baseball fans. This time, it brought unmeasurable joy. The Soy came back from a 3-0 hole in the

ALCS to win four straight against the hated Yankees, then swept St. Louis in four games to win the title, their first in 86 years.

It's all made for a fun year for the city's long-suffering fans.

"Everybody's ecstatic," said Adam Herzlich a Boston bartender holding off the January chill on Thursday with a Patriots watch cap People who weren't Pats fans a few years

ago are now. My mother's even watching the playoffs. She hasn't watched that much football since she watched me play," at Brookline High School, he said.

The Boston College men's basketball team is one of only two undefeated college teams in the country, and is now ranked No. 8 in The Associated Press rankings. The BC women's basketball team is also in the AP Top 25, and the men's hockey team is

SEE BOSTON ON PAGE 27



AP photos

Above: Boston College's Craig Smith reacts as he scores against Georgetown in the first half Saturday. BC is ranked No. 8 in The Associated Press poll and is one of only two undefeated men's teams in the country. Left: The Boston Red Sox ended decades of misery for their fans by winning their first World Series in 86 years.



mer, fans watched as the



Russia's Safin earns second Slam title with win over crowd favorite Hewitt in Australian Open

Page 28



Heat give Stan Van Gundv 2-1 edge against brother Jeff Page 29



Leonard overtakes faltering Ogilvie to win **Hope Classic** Page 27